

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ohio National Guard in partnership with physicians, behavioral health providers and other healthcare associations statewide are working to expand awareness that service members and their families need more healthcare professionals to care for TRICARE beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, TRICARE is the health care delivery system serving active duty service members, National Guard and Reserve members, retirees, their families, survivors and certain former spouses worldwide; and

WHEREAS, TRICARE is a major component of the Military Health System and brings together the health care resources of the uniformed services and supplements them with networks of civilian health care professionals, institutions, pharmacies and suppliers to provide access to high-quality health care services; and

WHEREAS, unlike active-duty service members who are always on military status and therefore covered by TRICARE for their health care, National Guard members change military statuses whenever they conduct training, mobilize, deploy and reintegrate after mobilization; and

WHEREAS, National Guard members may move from private insurance coverage to TRICARE and back again. If health care providers do not care for the members and their family members through status and benefit coverage changes, then the continuity of care and well-being of our armed forces and their families can be compromised.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 8-11, 2014 as

TRICARE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to thank our civilian healthcare providers who serve those who sacrifice so much to protect our freedom.

On this 8th day of September, 2014;

John R. Kasich
Governor

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

