

# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, first organized by Nationwide in 2014, Grain Bin Safety Week is an annual observance that takes place the third full week of February to promote grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain-handling facilities, provide education and share best safety practices; and

**WHEREAS**, it takes only seconds to be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by oxygen-deficient atmospheres, and suffocation from engulfment is a leading cause of death in grain bin accidents; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, 24 documented grain entrapments nationwide resulted in 14 deaths and in 2014, 38 documented grain entrapments resulted in 17 deaths in 2014 – the highest recorded since 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, each death has devastating impacts on the victim’s family, friends and coworkers; and

**WHEREAS**, many fire departments lack the specialized rescue techniques and equipment necessary for a successful grain bin rescue, and without the proper and consistent training, there is an increased risk of greater injury or fatality of the victim as well as the first responder; and

**WHEREAS**, Grain Bin Safety Week is sponsored by the Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, KC Supply, Co., Inc., the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety, Specialty Risk Insurance, KFSA Insurance Agency, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., Agri-Business Insurance Services, The Scoular Company, West Side Salvage, Inc., CHS Inc., Nationwide, “Land As Your Legacy”, David Larsen Financial and Insurance Services, Ravenna Feed & Grain, Sietsema Farms Feeds, Arthur J. Gallagher (Grand Rapids), The Cornerstone Agency Inc. and Nohr Wortmann Engineering.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize February 18 – 24, 2018 as

## GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK

and encourage all Ohioans, especially those in the agriculture industry, to learn more about the risks associated with grain bins to help reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage.

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018;

John R. Kasich  
Governor

Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

