

RESOLUTION

In Recognition of **National Infant Mortality Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, the month of September is recognized as National Infant Mortality Awareness Month, a campaign designed to increase people's awareness of the high rates of infant deaths; and,

WHEREAS, low birth weight is one of the main contributors to infant mortality and disproportionately affects low income communities, with the death rate for African American babies nearly three times higher than that of Caucasian infants.; and,

WHEREAS, in Franklin County, the overall Infant Mortality Rate of 8.2 deaths per 1000 live births is higher than the statewide rate of 7.7 deaths per 1000 live births; and,

WHEREAS, Since 1991, The National Healthy Start Association (NHSA) has been dedicated to reducing the incidence of infant mortality that is prevalent in many communities with large minority populations, high rates of unemployment and poverty and limited access to safe housing and medical providers; and,

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners remains committed to supporting programs such as the Ohio Better Birth Outcome collaborative being lead by Nationwide Children's Hospital to reduce the rate of preterm births in our community, contributing \$7 million over a five year period; and,

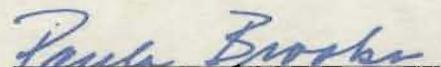
WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health provides services to reduce these barriers through their Caring for 2, which along with programs in the Office of Minority Health, aims to reduce the racial disparities in prenatal care and lower the infant mortality rate in the City of Columbus; and, now, therefore, upon the motion of Commissioner O'Grady; seconded by Commissioner Brooks,

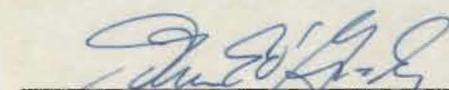
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

That the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of all Franklin County residents, proclaims September 2011 as National Infant Mortality awareness Month in Franklin County.

Voting Aye Thereon:


Marilyn Brown, President


Paula Brooks


John O'Grady

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

ATTEST
CLERK: 

