

CITY OF LANCASTER

LANCASTER, OHIO 43130

OFFICE OF
THE MAYOR



WHEREAS, one in 12,000-15,000 births result in a baby diagnosed with Prader-Willi Syndrome, the most common known genetic cause of life-threatening obesity; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 80% of those who have PWS in the United States are undiagnosed and/or not known to the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (USA); and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of those with PWS, whether born with it or acquired through brain injury or trauma, are enhanced as a direct result of the efforts to spread awareness about the syndrome; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the citizens of Lancaster to work together as a people and as a City to increase research into understanding the syndrome, to advocate for effective screening, life-saving educational efforts in schools, medical institutions and establishments, and residential facilities, and to support the development of improved therapies for early intervention and other necessary and critical treatments, as well as the creation of more medical centers and residential facilities to care for those with PWS; and

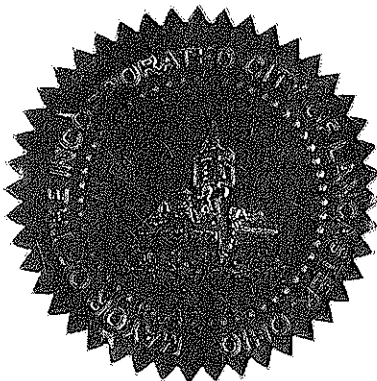
WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster is pleased to join in recognizing and applauding the valuable role which families and advocates of those who have Prader-Willi Syndrome play in helping our medical community to advance the fight against this syndrome; and

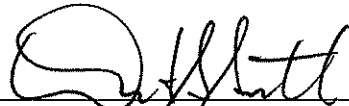
WHEREAS, the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (USA) and its chapters and affiliates provide superb programs, services, advocacy and research support.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID S. SMITH, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2006 through May 6, 2006 as:

PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lancaster, Ohio to be affixed this Tenth day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.





David S. Smith, Mayor
City of Lancaster, Ohio