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FRANKLIN COUNTY RECORDER DANNY O'CONNOR FIGHTS FOR CENTRAL OHIO

Since taking office in January, Franklin County Recorder Danny O'Connor has focused on bringing awareness to key document recordings that affect citizens on a personal level. Of the hundreds of types of documents recorded, some, such as living wills, healthcare powers of attorney and others, are critical to families as they deal with health issues and long-term care for their loved ones.

"I hope to spark conversations among families about crucial care to ensure that important decisions are as stress-free as possible," said Recorder O'Connor. "Making the right decisions can preserve the transfer of familial wealth from generation to generation. This is particularly important in African American communities, in which families have been plagued by a lack of generational wealth transfer."

The income gap between blacks and whites is substantial, but nowhere near as substantial as the wealth gap. According to the Federal Reserve's Survey of Consumer Finances, as of 2013, the median white household had \$13 in net wealth for every \$1 in net wealth of the median black household. For whites compared to Latinos, the gap was only somewhat smaller at \$10 to \$1 (Source: The Asset Value of Whiteness: Understanding the Racial Wealth Gap-Brandeis University). To shed light on the significance of living wills and healthcare powers of attorney, Recorder O'Connor has met with the Baptist Ministerial Alliance of Columbus and plans to visit various African American churches on Sundays to talk about these documents and other functions of the Recorder's Office.

He will be at _____ on this date _____. He plans to leave living will and power of attorney packets at churches, recreation centers, libraries and other community gathering places around the county to make these documents accessible to as many people as possible.

For more information, contact Mike Hobbs in Recorder O'Connor's Outreach Department at 614-525-2239.

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