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### **Ohioans Join National Effort to Celebrate School Choice**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (July 29, 2011) – Ohioans will gather at events across the state today to honor Dr. Milton Friedman, the father of school choice, as part of a national day of recognition for the Nobel Laureate, his work, theories, and contributions. This day of celebration is especially significant in Ohio with the recent expansions made to school voucher programs in the state budget.

“Today, the nation is gathering to honor a man whose vision paved the way for school choice programs across the U.S., and this day of celebration is a great opportunity to reflect on the advancement of school choice in Ohio,” said School Choice Ohio Executive Director Chad Aldis. “Because of the steps taken in this recent budget to expand school choice, many parents will now have the opportunity to choose the best learning environment for their children. School Choice Ohio will continue fighting until all families in the state have that same opportunity.”

School leaders, parents, and elected officials will join representatives from School Choice Ohio in Columbus, Cincinnati, and Akron to celebrate the recent expansions made to school choice programs in Ohio and the 99th anniversary of Dr. Friedman’s birth.

Although he typically is recognized for his economic contributions, Dr. Friedman spent the last decade of his life fighting to bring educational freedom to all of America’s children. In 1996, he and his wife Rose founded the Foundation for Educational Choice to promote his vision for universal school choice—an idea he first proposed in 1955.

“Now, more than ever, our nation and world need the wise ideas of Dr. Friedman,” said Robert Enlow, president and CEO of the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice. “We’re delighted to have School Choice Ohio join us in celebrating Dr. Milton Friedman’s legacy for freedom.”

For more information about school voucher programs in Ohio, visit [www.schoio.org](http://www.schoio.org).

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