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**ODH Announces New Heirloom Birth Certificate Styles**

*Proceeds to benefit the Ohio Family and Children First Initiative*

COLUMBUS-The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) today announced the availability of three new heirloom birth certificates available for purchase through the ODH office of vital statistics. Heirloom birth certificates can commemorate a recent birth, celebrate a special birthday or be passed along from generation to generation as a family keepsake.

“Ohioans told ODH that they wanted additional options to choose from when ordering an heirloom birth certificate,” said ODH Director Alvin D. Jackson, M.D. “In response to this valuable public input, I am proud to announce three new heirloom birth certificate designs.”

Ohioans can now choose from the native Ohioan design which honors the birth of Buckeyes, the newborn footprint design that offers space to capture the footprints of child or the more traditional statehouse lawn design. In addition to these new designs, the commemorative design, which highlights achievements of famous Ohioans, is still available.

The proceeds from the sale of heirloom birth certificates benefit the Ohio Family and Children First initiative (FCF), which is working to ensure that all children thrive and succeed within healthy communities. For more information about FCF visit [www.fcf.ohio.gov](http://www.fcf.ohio.gov).

Each heirloom birth certificate costs \$25.00 and is printed on 8.5 by 11 inch high quality paper with a raised seal, which allows them to be used for official business in addition to display.

To view the heirloom birth certificate designs or to download the application to request an heirloom birth certificate, visit <http://www.odh.ohio.gov> and click on vital statistics.