

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, as Ohio competes in the global economy of the 21st Century, our citizens recognize the challenges ahead and accept the responsibility of providing their children with the education and skills that will enable them to compete successfully as individuals and as a state; and

WHEREAS, it is in the state's interest that access to postsecondary education for our children be maintained and that encouraging parents to save for their children's education promotes that public purpose; and

WHEREAS, government, at both federal and state levels, needs to encourage savings versus borrowing and assist rather than hinder parents, grandparents, friends and businesses, as they seek to support the education of children, grandchildren and other in need of help to meet their higher education goals; and

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio administers College Advantage, a college savings plan, as a Section 529 Qualified Tuition Plan through duly enacted laws passed by the state's legislature; and

WHEREAS, many states, including Ohio, have offered state tax incentives as deductions and/or exemptions for their citizens as a recognition of the value of higher education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 2012 as

**COLLEGE SAVINGS
MONTH**

throughout Ohio and encourage all residents to recognize not only the benefit of attaining a higher education, but the benefit of starting a savings plan for their children's education.

On this 1st day of September, 2012;



John R. Kasich
Governor

