

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third most-common cancer among Ohio men and women; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Department of Health cancer incidence data indicate that about 6,300 (3,140 men and 3,160 women) are diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year, and about 92 percent of these cases were age 50 years and older; and

WHEREAS, about 2,410 Ohioans die each year from colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, beginning at age 50, men and women who are at average risk for developing colorectal cancer should have one of the recommended screening tests, i.e. Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT), Flexible Sigmoidoscopy, and Colonoscopy at the recommended intervals; and

WHEREAS, according to the Ohio Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, 53 percent of Ohioans 50 and older reported having had a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy within the past five years; and

WHEREAS, the recommended screening facilitates polyp removal, preventing progression of polyps to invasive cancer; and

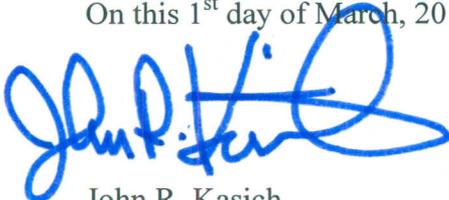
WHEREAS, nearly half (47 percent) of all colorectal cancers in Ohio are diagnosed regional or distant stage, and national data indicate that the five-year relative survival probability for patients with colorectal cancer is 90 percent when the patient is diagnosed at local stage, 70 percent at regional stage and only 12 percent at distant stage; and

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

**COLORECTAL CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout Ohio. I encourage all Ohioans to learn more about colorectal cancer and become involved in efforts to raise awareness and support for research of this common cancer.

On this 1st day of March, 2012;



John R. Kasich
Governor

