

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, minority Ohioans experience premature illness and death, due in part to health disparities; and

WHEREAS, health disparities are characterized by a chain of events signified by a difference in environment and quality of care, and disproportionately affect those in African American, Latino/Hispanic, Asian and Native American communities; and

WHEREAS, minority communities suffer years of productive life lost attributable to heart disease, cancers, type-2 diabetes, infant mortality, substance abuse, violence and HIV-AIDS, and the men in these communities too often experience the most desperate health status; and

WHEREAS, many of the diseases and conditions that contribute to health disparities are preventable, and the development of culturally appropriate and innovative services will help with the elimination of health disparities and their cost to Ohio; and

WHEREAS, health promotion and disease prevention activities are viable mechanisms to raise awareness and promote communication between community and professional groups; and

WHEREAS, Offices of Minority Health at the local level of government have focused more attention on the problems and solutions for disparities specific to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, increasing the number of underrepresented minorities in medical and allied health professions is essential to eliminating health disparities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize April 2013 as

MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

throughout Ohio and encourage all citizens to take part in its observance.

On this 1st day of April, 2013;



John R. Kasich
Governor

