

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, multiple myeloma is a blood cancer characterized by excessive abnormal plasma cells that interfere with the function of the bone marrow and immune system; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 20,000 new cases of multiple myeloma are diagnosed in the U.S. each year –over 600 new cases of multiple myeloma are diagnosed among Ohioans each year. The causes of multiple myeloma are unknown and there is no cure; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple myeloma occurs twice as often in African Americans as Caucasians, and while the average survival has doubled in Caucasians over the last 10 years, the survival in African Americans has not improved; and

**WHEREAS**, the average age at diagnosis is 62 years old, however, patients in their early 20's have been diagnosed with this cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the most common treatments for multiple myeloma are chemotherapy and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation; and

**WHEREAS**, advances in treatments, resulting from promising research and clinical trials, are improving survival rates as researchers search for a cure. Still, the five year survival rate is only 33%.

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

**MULTIPLE MYELOMA  
AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the State of Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to learn more about multiple myeloma and become involved in efforts to raise awareness and support for much-needed research of this blood cancer.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2012;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

