

# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, 12,103 Ohio children are residing in out-of-home placements due to abuse, neglect, or dependency; and

**WHEREAS**, 2,557 Ohio children are currently waiting to be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, siblings who are placed in separate foster homes often long to be adopted together by the same family; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption is a rewarding and enriching experience for individuals and couples who want to provide a stable, loving environment for children; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio's public and private child caring agencies recognize the importance of helping children in foster care find safe and loving permanent families through adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, support to adoptive families facilitates moving children from substitute care to forever homes more quickly; and

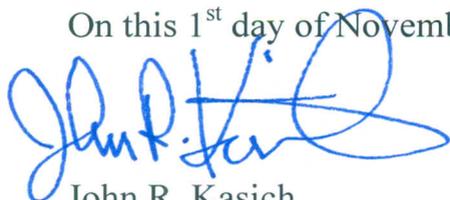
**WHEREAS**, loving families and other adults are encouraged to make a powerful difference in the lives of Ohio's foster children by considering adoption.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby designate November 2011 as

### **ADOPTION RECOGNITION AND RECRUITMENT MONTH**

throughout Ohio and encourage all citizens to celebrate the joy of family and remember our children who are awaiting safe and loving permanent homes.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2011;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

