

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, America traces part of its heritage to immigrants, and Africans Immigrants are proud to join the rest of the country in celebrating their heritage and in highlighting African Immigrant health in September; and

WHEREAS, September was chosen because of African Union day on September 9th and 2011 has been declared by the United Nations as the International Year of People of African Descent; and

WHEREAS, Africans have made significant contributions to our nation and to the great state of Ohio. Africans have some of the highest educational and income levels in the United States, and contribute in every area of American life such as the arts, health, education, community service, and public policy; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about African Immigrant Health is crucial to effectively fight health disparities and essential to build a network of African Immigrants and Refugees Health Advocates who disseminate culturally sensitive information to the community; and

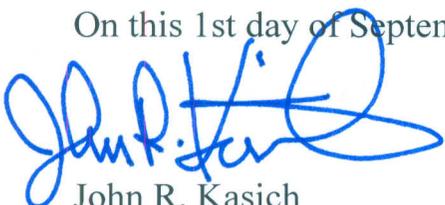
WHEREAS, a healthy and vibrant African Immigrant community will continue to enrich American life with its heritage and culture.

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

**AFRICAN HERITAGE AND
AFRICAN IMMIGRANT HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to participate in all awareness and educational programs promoting this cause.

On this 1st day of September, 2011;



John R. Kasich
Governor

