

**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our youth within our community is of paramount importance; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been an increase in the use of skateboards, rollerblades and scooters within Ohio communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that helmet use be required for bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades and scooters alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute recommends the use of helmets for several forms of recreation, including skateboards, roller skates, and scooters; and

**WHEREAS**, the encouragement of the use of helmets for these sports will help to provide needed protection to those participating in these sports; and

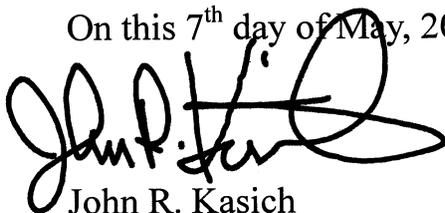
**WHEREAS**, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, universal use of bicycle helmets by children ages 4-15 could prevent between 135 and 155 deaths, between 39,000 and 45,000 head injuries, and between 18,000 and 55,000 scalp and facial injuries annually.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby designate May 7-11, 2012

**BIKE HELMET SAFETY  
AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout Ohio and that all persons are encouraged to wear helmets when using bicycles, skateboards, roller skates and scooters.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

