

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a woman receives a diagnosis of breast cancer every two minutes, making this disease the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the U.S., other than skin cancers; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that by the end of 2011, approximately 8,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the state of Ohio, and about 1,870 women will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, through research and advocacy, significant advances have been made in the fight against breast cancer, including an increase in five-year relative survival rates for localized breast cancer from 74 percent to 98 percent; and

WHEREAS, the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the U.S. today are a testament to courage, as well as to the importance of promoting awareness about breast cancer, providing information, funding research, following recommended screening guidelines, and offering treatment to those who are affected; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of various organizations have made a major contribution to spreading breast cancer awareness to both women and men in all communities in Ohio through outreach, education, and screening programs, and have empowered women with the life-saving message of early detection and the importance of having annual mammograms; and

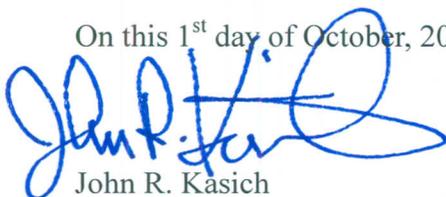
WHEREAS, screening rates are declining and a recent study reveals that among the 1.5 million women studied over the age of 40 with health insurance, less than 50 percent received the recommended annual screening.

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

**BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout Ohio and encourage women to make a renewed commitment to following the recommended screening guidelines and to make a mammogram appointment. I also urge organizations and health practitioners in Ohio to use this opportunity to promote awareness about breast cancer and proper breast health.

On this 1st day of October, 2011;



John R. Kasich
Governor

