

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, hiking, bicycling and horseback riding are among Ohio's most popular and beneficial family-oriented activities, providing "up close" opportunities for Ohioans to learn about and enjoy their state's many natural, cultural and historic resources; and

WHEREAS, the Buckeye Trail links the four corners of Ohio with more than 1,400 miles of scenic hiking trails, including sections open to bicycling and riding, to create the longest continuous circular blazed trail in any state; and

WHEREAS, growing from its first 20-mile section in 1959, the Buckeye Trail now traverses 49 of Ohio's 88 counties, connecting communities and many of the state's most scenic and historic areas; and

WHEREAS, the Buckeye Trail is the result of a long-standing cooperative partnership between the non-profit Buckeye Trail Association, Inc., and numerous state, federal and local agencies, supported by a corps of loyal volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Buckeye Trail, the official trail of the State of Ohio since 1967, also serves as a route for much of the North Country National Scenic Trail and the American Discovery Trail in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Buckeye Trail Association is hosting its first-ever Buckeye TrailFest, a trail festival celebrating the Buckeye Trail, on April 26-29, 2012 along the Buckeye Trail in Warren County, Ohio; and

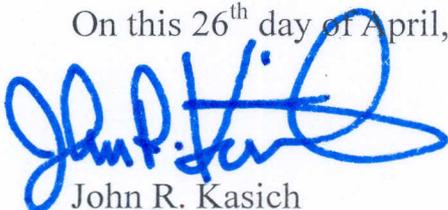
WHEREAS, April 26, 2012 marks the anniversary of the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution 22 recognizing the Buckeye Trail as the official trail of the State of Ohio on April 26, 1967. This honorable occasion acknowledges the tremendous recreational, educational and environmental benefits of the Buckeye Trail to all Ohioans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate April 26, 2012 as

BUCKEYE TRAIL DAY

throughout Ohio and to recognize the Buckeye Trail Association, its volunteers and partner agencies for their unique contribution to Ohio's quality of life. I encourage all Ohioans to enjoy activities on the Buckeye Trail on this special day.

On this 26th day of April, 2012;



John R. Kasich
Governor

