

**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, dentists throughout Ohio are joining together with the Ohio Dental Association, Case Western Reserve University and its School of Dental Medicine, the Greater Cleveland Dental Society, area schools and others in the community who work to improve children's oral health; and

**WHEREAS**, local dentists are providing oral health screenings and providing education on oral hygiene throughout Ohio while working with families to meet dental needs of children; and

**WHEREAS**, local dentists are providing oral health services and education in the two dental clinics at Case Western Reserve University to help children in need of dental care and will provide free dental services to an estimated 350 to 400 Ohio children in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Ohio advocates for good oral and overall health for all its residents and we applaud Ohio's dental community for its commitment to improving the health of our youngest citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, in the first nine years of this children's dental care program, Ohio dentists and other volunteers gave more than \$8.2 million in free dental services to over 168,000 children in need throughout the state of Ohio; and

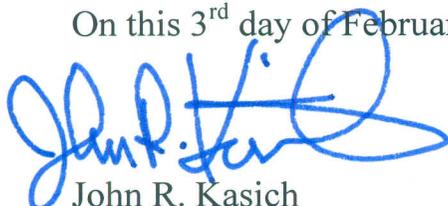
**WHEREAS**, in 2011, an estimated 13,000 disadvantaged Ohio children received more than \$1.1 million in free dental services from over 2,400 dental volunteers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby designate February 3, 2012 as

**GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY**

throughout Ohio. We applaud and thank all of those who commit their time and resources to improving the dental health of Ohio's children, and I also encourage all Ohioans to remember the importance of good oral health in their daily lives.

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2012;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

