STATE OF OHIO

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, serious mental illnesses such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, severe anxiety disorders, borderline personality disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorders affect one in every four people annually; and

WHEREAS, serious mental illnesses are more common than cancer, diabetes and heart disease and are the number one reason for hospital admissions nationwide; and

WHEREAS, serious mental illnesses have been scientifically proven to be highly treatable illnesses of the brain; and

WHEREAS, scientific research is producing tremendous breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illnesses, resulting in more effective treatments that allow people to reclaim full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, misunderstandings exist about many mental illnesses and our social culture often wrongly imposes stigma on them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate October 2 – 8, 2011 as

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to increase the public knowledge of mental illness.

On this 2nd day of October, 2011;

John R. Kasich
Governor