

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of children is a priority for Ohio;
and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 children are injured on playgrounds in the United States each year, equaling an average of one playground-related emergency room visit every two-and-one half minutes; and

WHEREAS, the National Program for Playground Safety was created at the University of Northern Iowa to help inform the nation about playground injuries and possible ways to reduce the number of injuries; and

WHEREAS, the National Program for Playground Safety has identified key areas that could help substantially reduce the number of playground injuries and keep our children SAFE- providing: proper Supervision, Age-appropriate equipment, materials to soften Falls to the surface, and Equipment maintenance; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside one week each year for the direction and thought on how to keep our children safer on playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, spring is often a time that children head to the playground and a large percentage of playground injuries occur from April through June; and

WHEREAS, child care centers, schools, parks and other public facilities are preparing for the summer season and playground participants; and

WHEREAS, all of who care about children should make the commitment that no Ohio child shall play on an unsafe playground; and

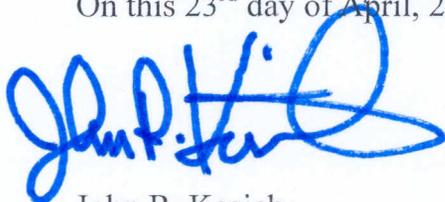
WHEREAS, the National Program for Playground Safety has designated April 23-27, 2012 as National Playground Safety Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate April 23-27, 2012 as

PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK

throughout Ohio and urge all citizens to join in this important observance.

On this 23rd day of April, 2012;



John R. Kasich
Governor

