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WHEREAS, native wildlife populations are an integral part of Ohio's natural environment, and serve as an indicator for the overall health of Ohio's statewide ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, each year in the U.S. more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions, 26,000 are injured and more than 1.5 million animals are hit on roads; and

WHEREAS, the average cost of property damage from these collisions is over $1 billion, and the total cost to society annually is $8.4 billion; and

WHEREAS, the success of the wildlife movement and survival in Ohio remains dependent upon continued public education and increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in wildlife movement; and

WHEREAS, wildlife watching is one of the most popular outdoor recreational activities for tourists in Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate September 18-24, 2011 as

WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to watch out for wildlife.

On this 18th day of September, 2011;

John R. Kasich
Governor