

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, esophageal cancer is the fastest growing cancer diagnosis in the United States, increasing more than 400% in the past two decades; and

**WHEREAS**, esophageal cancer kills one American every 36 minutes each and every day; and

**WHEREAS**, esophageal cancer is among the deadliest of cancers, with fewer than one-in-five patients surviving five years; and

**WHEREAS**, esophageal cancer has low survival rates because it is usually discovered at late stages when treatment outcomes are poor; and

**WHEREAS**, esophageal cancer in the United States is most often caused by persistent heartburn or gastroesophageal reflux disease, yet many who are at risk are unaware of the potential danger these risk factors present when it occurs over several weeks or months; and

**WHEREAS**, esophageal cancer can be a silent killer with patients often unaware that the cough, hoarse voice, sore throat or chest pain they suffer can be reason to discuss screening for esophageal cancer with their medical care professional; and

**WHEREAS**, esophageal cancer can be prevented through early detection of its precursor, Barrett's Esophagus, which can be treated with new, curative techniques; and

**WHEREAS**, esophageal cancer awareness along with improvements in prevention, early detection and treatment strategies will continue to enhance the health and well-being of all Ohioans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby designate April, 2011 as

**ESOPHAGEAL CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout Ohio and I encourage all Ohioans to educate themselves and their loved ones on this disease and preventative measures that can reduce risk factors for esophageal cancer.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2011;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

