

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, "You Can Change a Lifetime" is the national theme for Foster Care Month; and

**WHEREAS**, currently 5,861 foster families provide Ohio's 12,093 children whose parents are unable to care for them due to abuse, neglect or dependency with caring homes; and

**WHEREAS**, foster, kinship and adoptive families – who open their homes and hearts and support children whose families are in crisis – play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect, thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, last year 1,000 young adults aged out of care in the state of Ohio, and need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who will be a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and other public and private child care organizations that work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care need you to change a lifetime.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. KASICH, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby designate May, 2011 as

# **FOSTER CARE MONTH**

throughout Ohio and urge all Ohioans to recognize the valuable services of kinship and foster families, and to participate in a positive way that will help children and youth deserving of caring families in their time of need.

On this 1st day of May 2011,



John R. Kasich  
Governor

