

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, over 50,000 American citizens are diagnosed every year with cancer of the head and neck region, and an average of 3,560 Ohioans are newly diagnosed each year with the most common forms of head and neck cancer; and

WHEREAS, less than 60 percent of all head and neck cancer patients will live 5 years following their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, over 85 percent of all oral and head and neck cancers could have been prevented and only a small percentage of people of the United States understand the disease, its causes, treatments or prevention; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of individuals treated for the disease encounter disability due to breathing, swallowing, speaking, physical and/or visual difficulties; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of this disease process could result in earlier diagnosis, lower functional disability and higher survival rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate May 8-14, 2011 as

**ORAL, HEAD AND NECK
CANCER AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout the State of Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to get involved and participate in screenings for Oral, head and neck cancer.

On this 8th day of May, 2011;



John R. Kasich
Governor

