

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, May has been observed nationally as Mental Health Month since 1953; and

WHEREAS, more than two million Ohioans experience some form of mental illness or emotional disturbance each year and many will seek treatment that leads to recovery; and

WHEREAS, mental health recovery is a personal journey of healing and transformation that involves the rebuilding of a meaningful life while receiving supportive services and learning to live with the continued presence of a psychiatric disability; and

WHEREAS, the resiliency of Ohio's children must be nurtured, facilitated and supported to empower our youth and their families to successfully meet life's challenges with a sense of self-determination, mastery, hope and well-being; and

WHEREAS, early detection and intervention must be encouraged, and trauma-informed care must promoted; and

WHEREAS, healthy communities recognize the importance of integrating mental and physical health for overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, Ohio's Community Mental Health and ADAMHS boards have been instrumental in increasing the quality and scope of community-based mental health care for Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Mental Health's regional psychiatric hospitals are committed to providing the highest level of care and safety to patients and their families, and

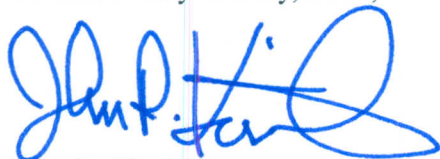
WHEREAS, Ohio's community agencies, organizations and providers support and treat their citizens, and work to eradicate stigmatization.

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

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

throughout the State of Ohio and urge all Ohioans to unite behind efforts to bring awareness to mental health issues and support the recovery and resiliency of our adults and children who experience brain diseases.

On this 1st day of May, 2011;



John R. Kasich
Governor

