

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, more than two million Ohioans are age 60 or older and nearly 15,000 more celebrate their 60th birthdays each month; and

WHEREAS, our elders are the roots from which our communities grow, who bestow gifts of wisdom and insight upon younger generations, and strengthen the bonds that create a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, our society can be enhanced by our elders aging comfortably and productively in their communities; and

WHEREAS, our elders should be commended for their role in creating and bolstering the fiber of our communities and our nation; and

WHEREAS, our state and our communities can provide recognition and respect by enriching the quality of life for older Americans by increasing their opportunities to remain in their communities as active and engaged citizens; providing services, technologies and support systems that allow seniors to foster and maintain connections within their communities; and emphasizing the value of elders by publically recognizing their contributions to the diversity, strength and unity of our communities.

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

**OLDER AMERICANS
MONTH**

throughout Ohio and further designate **May 17, 2011, as Senior Citizens Day**. I encourage all Ohioans to take time to honor older adults and the contributions that they have made, and continue to make, to better our society.

On this 1st day of May, 2011;



John R. Kasich
Governor

