

# Executive Department

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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the crime of sexual assault leaves victim's families, friends, co-workers, neighbors and entire communities less secure; and

**WHEREAS**, crimes include, but are not limited to: rape; sexual battery; gross sexual imposition and unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, which encompass types of sexual assaults that impact many Ohioans; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement agencies reported through the Ohio Incident-Based Reporting System, there were 8,447 sexual assaults reported in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, each of these reported sexual assaults, and many others that were not reported, turned one or more Ohioans into a victim; and

**WHEREAS**, crime exacts an emotional, physical, psychological, and financial toll on victims and their physical and mental health and their sense of safety and security; and

**WHEREAS**, 80 percent of rape or other sexual assault victims in 2009 were female and 20 percent of rape or other sexual assaults were male victims; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, 55 percent of all rapes and sexual assaults were reported to law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 12 percent of women attending American colleges have been raped; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Ohio has an opportunity to bring about awareness and intervention and to spotlight prevention strategies that impact all sectors of our population regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation when addressing the crime of sexual assault in our communities.

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

# SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to work together to eliminate this terrible crime from our state.

On this 1st day of April, 2011;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

