

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, beatable, and the third most-common cancer among Ohio men and women; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning at age 50, men and women who are at average risk for developing colorectal cancer should have one of the recommended screening tests, i.e. Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT), Flexible Sigmoidoscopy, and Colonoscopy at the recommended intervals; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Ohio Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, 53 percent of Ohioans 50 and older reported having had a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy within the past five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommended screening facilitates polyp removal, preventing progression of polyps to invasive cancer; and

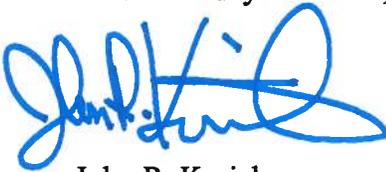
**WHEREAS**, nearly half (47 percent) of all colorectal cancers in Ohio are diagnosed regional or distant stage, and national data indicate that the five-year relative survival probability for patients with colorectal cancer is 90 percent when the patient is diagnosed at local stage, 70 percent at regional stage and only 12 percent at distant stage; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby designate March 2013 as

**COLORECTAL CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout Ohio and I encourage all Ohioans to learn more about colorectal cancer and become involved in efforts to raise awareness and support for research of this common cancer.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2013;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

