

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of children throughout Ohio is of paramount importance to our families and communities; and

WHEREAS, thousands of children are born with birth defects every year, including approximately 40,000 children in the United States of America who begin life with one or more than thirty-five identified forms of congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS, some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth; and

WHEREAS, congenital heart defects are among Ohio's most common birth defects and they are often fatal due to their seriousness, a lack of effective medical intervention options, and the limited availability of infant heart donors; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that parents, pediatricians, and all those in the health profession have a greater awareness of the potential for congenital heart defects among newborns and children; and

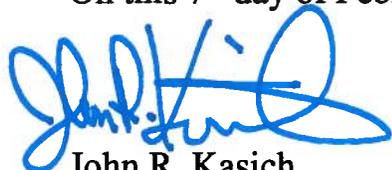
WHEREAS, many of Ohio's families and communities are directly or indirectly affected by infant illness and death caused by congenital heart defects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate February 7-14, 2012 as

**CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT
AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout Ohio and ask all Ohioans to join me in recognizing this week and remembering families whose lives have been affected by congenital heart defects, to remember loved ones lost, and to honor the dedicated health professionals who care for those afflicted by these defects.

On this 7th day of February, 2012;



John R. Kasich
Governor

