

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus***RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, killing over 134,000 people nationwide and 5,735 citizens of Ohio each year; and

WHEREAS, stroke prevalence is projected to increase by 24.9% between 2010 and 2030 and the direct medical costs for treating stroke are expected to increase by 238%, from \$28.3 billion in 2010 to \$95.6 billion by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Americans are more aware of the risk factors and warning signs for stroke than in the past, but according to a recent survey, one-third of adults cannot identify any symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the signature action for American Stroke Month 2012 is to reach out to a young audience ages 10 to 17 through all music genres and social media activities to educate them about stroke, warning signs and risk factors and to engage them in sharing the messages with their parents and grandparents; and

WHEREAS, through the American Stroke Association's Power to End Stroke awareness campaign, the 31 Days of Power activity will empower African Americans to reduce their stroke risk, recognize warning signs, and respond quickly in a stroke emergency to reduce stroke in African Americans, who are at particularly high risk of the disease. Participation in a local 31 Days of Power event or activity is encouraged; and

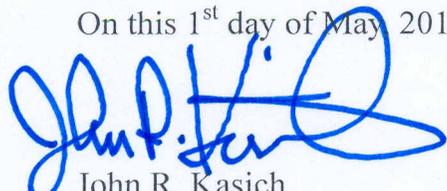
WHEREAS, new and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes, but much more research is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate May 2012 as

AMERICAN STROKE MONTH

throughout Ohio and urge all the citizens of our state to familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs and symptoms, and on first signs of a stroke dial 9-1-1 immediately so that we might begin to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population.

On this 1st day of May 2012;


John R. Kasich
Governor

