

**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, as many as 15 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children; and

**WHEREAS**, eight foods cause 90 percent of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergy results in more than 300,000 ambulatory care visits a year involving children under 18. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cure for food allergy, and scientists do not understand why. Strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction; and

**WHEREAS**, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

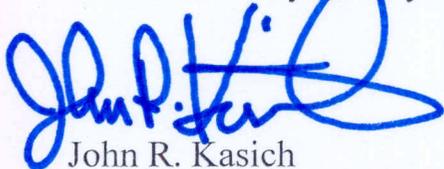
**WHEREAS**, the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness about food allergy and anaphylaxis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby designate May 13-19, 2012 as

**FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout Ohio.

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

