STATE OF OHIO

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, "Change a Lifetime" is the national theme for Foster Care Month; and

WHEREAS, currently 5,853 foster families provide caring homes for Ohio's 11,851 children whose parents are unable to care for them due to abuse, neglect or dependency; and

WHEREAS, foster, kinship and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts and support children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, last year, 1,072 young adults aged out of care in the state of Ohio and are in need of a meaningful connection to a caring adult who will be a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and other public and private child caring organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care need you to change a lifetime.

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

FOSTER CARE MONTH

throughout Ohio and urge all citizens to recognize the valuable services of kinship and foster families, and participate in a positive way that will help children and youth deserving of caring families in their time of need.

On this 1st day of May, 2012;

John R. Kasich
Governor

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