

*Executive Department*

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of Father's Day is a time set aside by tradition to pay tribute to fathers and to thank them for their unconditional love, for their belief in their children's potential and for their vital parental role; and

**WHEREAS**, good fathering during infancy, childhood and adolescence contributes to the development of emotional security and has overwhelmingly positive psychological and economic benefits for children, families, communities, our state and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, fathers, whether biological, foster, or adoptive, deserve our honor and gratitude; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation is becoming increasingly aware that when a father is actively involved in the life of his child, that child will have higher self-esteem, healthier social skills and show decreases in high risk behavior, teen pregnancy and drug and alcohol abuse; and

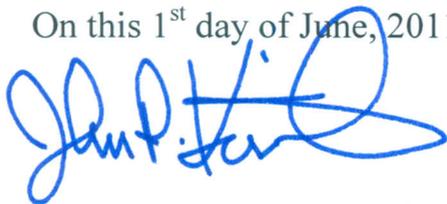
**WHEREAS**, all fathers in Ohio and America today must reinvest in supplying emotional and financial support for their children. We as a society must promote involved, nurturing and responsible fatherhood.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby designate June 2011 as

**FATHERHOOD MONTH**

throughout Ohio to increase public awareness of the critical role of fathers.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2011;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

