

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the crime of sexual assault leaves victims, their families, friends, co-workers, neighbors and entire communities less secure; and

WHEREAS, crimes include, but are not limited to: rape; sexual battery; gross sexual imposition and unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, which encompass types of sexual assault that impact many Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, Ohio law enforcement agencies reported 7,971 sexual assaults in 2011; and

WHEREAS, crime exacts an emotional, physical, psychological, and financial toll on victims and their physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, 84.7 percent of rape or other sexual assault victims in 2011 were female and 14.7 percent of rape or other sexual assaults were male victims; and

WHEREAS, in 25 percent of the sexual assault incidences, the victim and suspect were family members; and

WHEREAS, in 65 percent of the incidents, the victim and suspect were not family members, but they knew each other; and

WHEREAS, 20 percent of women will be the victim of attempted or actual sexual assault when they get to college, as will about 6 percent of undergraduate men; and

WHEREAS, statistics for men and boy survivors of sexual assault may be much higher as a result of underreporting; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides our state an opportunity to bring about awareness, intervention and prevention strategies that impact all sectors of our population regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation when addressing the crime of sexual assault in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate April 2013 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

throughout Ohio and urge all Ohioans to take this opportunity to raise awareness to the severity of sexual assault.

On this 1st day of April, 2013;


John R. Kasich
Governor

