

**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth; and

**WHEREAS**, youth who experience physical violence in a dating relationship are more likely to use drugs and alcohol, attempt suicide and carry patterns of abuse into future relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, females between the ages of 16 and 24 are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence than any other age group, experiencing abuse at almost triple the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, only 33 percent of teens disclose when they are in an abusive relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, teens who are victims of teen dating violence are more likely to be depressed and do poorly in school; and

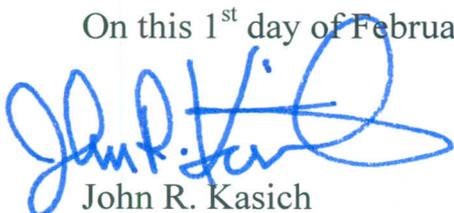
**WHEREAS**, to raise awareness about teen dating violence the state of Ohio is participating in the third National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

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

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS  
AND PREVENTION MONTH**

throughout Ohio and urge all communities, businesses, local governments, law enforcement and individuals to respond and work toward ending teen dating violence by supporting community efforts to empower teens to develop healthier relationships.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2012;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

