

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in Ohio and has resulted in the death of more than 5,700 people in this state in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, stroke is the leading cause of serious long-term disability in Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, many organizations and individuals in Ohio are committed to fulfilling the goals of the national Million Hearts Program aimed at preventing one million heart attacks and strokes nationwide by 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohioans can reduce or control many risk factors for stroke such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, obesity and lack of physical activity; and

**WHEREAS**, as many as one-third of adults cannot identify any warning signs of stroke; and

**WHEREAS**, the warning signs of stroke include sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion or trouble understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden dizziness, loss of balance, coordination or trouble walking; or sudden severe headache with no known cause; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the warning signs of stroke and calling 9-1-1 immediately are crucial to reducing deaths and disabilities due to stroke.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize May 2014 as**

**STROKE AWARENESS  
MONTH**

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to reduce or control their risk factors for stroke, learn the warning signs of stroke and call 9-1-1 immediately at the first warning sign so that we can further reduce the devastating effects of stroke on Ohioans.

On this 1st day of May, 2014;

John R. Kasich  
Governor

Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

