

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness—prevention of substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in Ohio and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with substance use disorders to implement preventative measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, all Ohioans have access to quality, cost-effective, community-based addiction prevention, treatment and recovery support services; substance abuse remains a serious public health problem in Ohio; and nearly 100,000 Ohioans benefitted from publicly-funded alcohol and other drug addiction treatment services the past year—including nearly 30 percent of whom sought help for opiate addiction; and

WHEREAS, expanding Medicaid will fill critical gaps in access to health and addiction care, reduce uncompensated crisis care and pave the way to recovery and economic self-sufficiency by redirecting an estimated \$70 million annually (\$105 million for the FY 14-15 biennium) in local funding to address local needs such as housing, transportation or addressing waiting lists; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Ohio Citizen Advocates for Chemical Dependency Prevention and Treatment, The Ohio State University - Talbot Hall, the Woods at Parkside, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Jendco Safety Supply, invite all residents of Ohio to participate in Recovery Month.

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

RECOVERY MONTH

throughout Ohio and encourage all citizens to take part in its observance.

On this 1st day of September, 2013;



John R. Kasich
Governor

