

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of Responsible Fatherhood Month and Father's Day is a time 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 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 be less likely to engage 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, and we must all promote involved, nurturing and responsible fatherhood; and

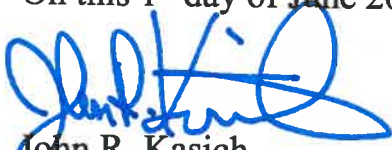
**WHEREAS**, during this month, we recognize Ohio's fathers that are active and positive role models in the lives of their children. We join with the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood to encourage citizens throughout Ohio to learn more about fatherhood issues and show support for the many individuals and organizations that provide support, resources and services to promote the positive involvement of fathers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, John R. Kasich, Governor, and Mary Taylor, Lieutenant Governor, of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize June 2015 as**

**RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD MONTH**

throughout the state of Ohio to provide crucial information to help fathers be better parents, partners and providers; to promote positive fathering and co-parenting; to showcase the providers of grassroots fatherhood resources and information; and to increase public awareness of the crucial role of fathers.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2015;

  
John R. Kasich  
Governor

  
Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

