

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the safety of our youth within our community is of paramount importance; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in the use of skateboards, roller skates and scooters within Ohio communities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that helmet use be required for bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades and scooters alike; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute recommends the use of helmets for several forms of recreation, including skateboards, roller skates, and scooters; and

WHEREAS, the encouragement of the use of helmets for these sports will help to provide needed protection to those participating in these sports; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, universal use of bicycle helmets by children ages 4-15 could prevent between 135 and 155 deaths, between 39,000 and 45,000 head injuries, and between 18,000 and 55,000 scalp and facial injuries annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate September 21, 2011 as

**WEAR YOUR BIKE HELMET
TO WORK/SCHOOL DAY**

throughout Ohio and that all persons are encouraged to wear helmets when using bicycles, skateboards, roller skates and scooters.

On this 18th day of April, 2011;



John R. Kasich
Governor

