

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Aging encourages the state's more than 2.3 million older Ohioans to be "Golden Buckeyes" – individuals inspired by their age, not defined by it; and

WHEREAS, falls and fall-related injuries pose a threat for many Golden Buckeyes who would prefer to remain vital members of society and continue to grow, thrive and contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, it is no exaggeration to call falls among older Ohioans an epidemic – falls are the number one cause of injuries leading to ER visits, hospitalizations and deaths for Ohioans age 65 and older; and

WHEREAS, falls are not a normal part of aging and most falls can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, STEADY U Ohio is a comprehensive falls prevention initiative led by the Ohio Department of Aging and supported by Ohio government and state business partners; and

WHEREAS, since 1977, the State of Ohio has observed the month of May as Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Older Americans Month 2014 in Ohio and across the nation is "Safe Today. Healthy Tomorrow."

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, JOHN R. KASICH AND MARY TAYLOR, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize May 2014 as

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to learn how they can prevent falls for themselves and elders in their communities so that we may truly be safe today and healthy tomorrow.

On this 1st day of May, 2014.

John R. Kasich
Governor

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

