WHEREAS, energy is at the core of Ohio's economic and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has long recognized the need to assist low-income families and individuals who spend a large percentage of their household income on energy bills; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Development, the administrator of low-income energy assistance programs, has adopted a single application process for low-income households and has partnered with stakeholder groups, not for profit entities, for profit entities and utilities to provide more services to low-income families; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Services administers Ohio's Home Weatherization Assistance Program and directs funding to 58 community-based organizations which serve qualifying households throughout Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's Home Weatherization Assistance Program has weatherized more than 355,921 homes since 1977, with an average reduction of 24.7 percent in the amount of energy used to heat a home; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's Home Weatherization Assistance Program is dedicated to improve the quality of life for low-income Ohioans by eliminating home health and safety problems; reducing home energy use and saving money in energy costs; and

WHEREAS, the administration invests in programs that work for the common good and make a difference in the health and safety of all Ohioans. It is my vision to develop a comprehensive long-term approach to the stewardship of our state's natural resource.

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

WEATHERIZATION MONTH

throughout Ohio and urge all Ohioans to take time to complete home weatherization upgrades, resulting in lower energy bills and better energy efficiency.

On this 1st day of October, 2011;

John R. Kasich
Governor