

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, 1.1 billion teenagers are at risk for hearing loss, due primarily to unsafe personal use of portable music devices; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately half of Ohioans with hearing loss are under the age of 65 and in their prime working years; and

**WHEREAS**, many adults are exposed to hazardous noise levels on a daily basis. In Ohio, nearly 500,000 adults have noise-induced hearing loss; and

**WHEREAS**, hearing loss is often preventable through protection from over-exposure to excessive noise at work and home; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio has more than 1,000 licensed audiologists who are clinically-experienced healthcare professionals that specialize in the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of people with hearing loss and balance disorders; and

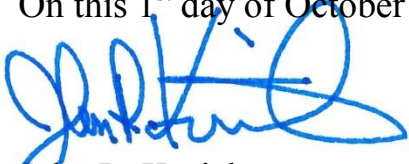
**WHEREAS**, knowing the signs of hearing loss and taking time to see an audiologist for regular hearing screenings can protect a person's hearing along with their ability to live, work, and communicate as effectively as possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize October 2016 as

**OHIO AUDIOLOGY AWARENESS**

throughout Ohio and ask that all Ohioans join in raising awareness of hearing loss.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2016;



John R. Kasich  
Governor



Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

