

STATE OF OHIO

Executive Department

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In Recognition of FATHERS' MONTH in OHIO June 2009

For now one hundred years every June, Father's Day has been set aside by tradition to pay tribute to fathers and thank them for their unconditional love and belief in their children's potential.

Therefore, on behalf of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, I recognize the entire month of June this year to raising public awareness of the critical role fathers play in their children's lives. The Commission was established to support fatherhood-related initiatives and increase public appreciation of engaged fathers.

All fathers must emotionally and financially support their children. We, as a society, must promote involved, nurturing and responsible fatherhood.

Effective fathering during infancy, childhood and adolescence contributes to the development of a child's emotional security and has overwhelmingly positive psychological and economic benefits for children, families, communities, our state and our nation. Good fathers, whether biological, foster or adoptive, deserve our honor and gratitude.

THEREFORE, I, TED STRICKLAND, Governor of Ohio, recognize

June 2009 as **FATHERS' MONTH in Ohio**.



Ted Strickland
Governor