

STATE OF OHIO

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IN RECOGNITION OF
OHIO SENIOR CENTER WEEK
MARCH 29 – APRIL 4, 2009

Senior centers have formed the foundation of the state's aging network since the network was first created. This year, the Ohio Association of Senior Centers celebrates its 50th year of service to the state's more than 450 full- and part-time senior centers.

Senior centers are inextricably linked to their communities. For all the support and services they provide, they are, in large part, reliant on the support of contributors, volunteers, voters, community leaders and others for their continued success.

Senior centers offer older Ohioans, including baby boomers, a place to go for social activities, trips, volunteer opportunities, health screenings, health and consumer education, creative arts, exercise, wholesome meals and more. In many areas, centers also act as community focal points, creating unique intergenerational activities.

Many multipurpose senior centers work with local partners to provide home- and community-based services that allow local residents to age in place instead of moving to more expensive and restrictive institutional care. These services, which include home delivered meals and transportation services, promote the dignity, self-determination and well-being of older Ohioans.

FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS, I, TED STRICKLAND, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize March 29 – April 4, 2009

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throughout the state of Ohio and urge all Ohioans and communities to visit and support their local senior centers.

On this twenty-ninth day of March 2009



Ted Strickland
Governor