

STATE OF OHIO

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**In Recognition of
The American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
Centennial**

The mission of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) is to provide leadership and support for professionals whose work assists individuals, families, and communities in making informed decisions about their well being, relationships and resources to achieve optimal quality of life; and

the AAFCS believes in the family as a fundamental unit of society, embraces diversity and values all people, is dedicated to life-long learning and diverse scholarship, prepares new professionals, exemplifies integrity and ethical behavior, seeks new ideas and is open to change, and promotes an integrative and holistic approach to issues; and

AAFCS is the only national organization representing family and consumer sciences professionals across practice areas and content specializations; and

AAFCS membership consists of more than 6,000 professionals whose practice takes place in education, business, the non-profit sector, public and private agencies, and homes; and

AAFCS members provide research-based practical knowledge regarding everyday life, including life span development, personal behavior, housing and the environment, food, nutrition, and health, apparel and textiles, and resource management, so that youth, adults and public decision-makers can make sound choices that result in healthy, productive and fulfilling lives; and

AAFCS was founded as the American Home Economics Association in 1909, by Ellen H. Richards, the first female graduate and professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an activist for consumer education; nutrition; child protection; industrial safety; public health; career education; women's rights; purity of air, food, and water; and the application of scientific and management principles to the issues of families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ted Strickland, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby congratulate the Ohio Association of Family & Consumer Sciences as it celebrates the Centennial Anniversary of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, January 2, 2009 – January 1, 2010.



**Ted Strickland
Governor**