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KASICH ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT TO THE MOUNT VERNON MUNICIPAL COURT

COLUMBUS – Today Governor John R. Kasich announced the appointment of John C. Thatcher of Centerburg (Knox Co.) to serve as a judge on the Mount Vernon Municipal Court. Thatcher will assume office on July 21, 2014, and must run in November 2015 to retain the seat for the remainder of the unexpired term, which ends December 31, 2017. Thatcher is replacing Judge Paul E. Spurgeon, who retired.

Thatcher received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and History from Otterbein University in 1986, and received his juris doctor from Capital University Law School in 1989. Thatcher is currently the Knox County prosecuting attorney.

Thatcher served as an assistant prosecutor for Knox County from 1992 – 2000 and has been an attorney for several firms, including Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston, Ltd. in Mount Vernon. He is secretary of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association and serves on the Governor's Advisory Council for Aging, Attorney General Mike DeWine's Elder Abuse Commission and the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections. Thatcher's community involvement includes the Mount Vernon Rotary Club, Rotary Foundation Board, Centerburg Lions Club and Boy Scouts of America, where he is vice president, Muskingum Valley Council Executive Committee.

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