

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 1926, Carter G. Woodson, known as “the Father of Black History Month,” announced “Negro History Week” in America, which was later expanded to a month and changed to “Black History Month” by President Gerald Ford; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month was created to recall the struggles and challenges African-Americans have faced since the founding of our country, and remember those who took a stand against hatred and prejudice by fighting for civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is celebrating its 40th year with the theme “Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories.” This theme encourages reflection upon places historically significant to African-American history including safe houses along the Underground Railroad, the Brown Chapel AME Church in Selma, Alabama and the home of Paul Laurence Dunbar, one of the first nationally acclaimed African-American poets from Dayton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time to remember the leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, whose teachings, perseverance and resolve helped pave the way for a more equal society; and

WHEREAS, we continue to recognize the valuable and lasting contributions African-Americans have made to all aspects of our society.

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

throughout Ohio and we encourage all Ohioans to join us as we strive to create a more fair and just society for all.

On this 1st day of February 2016;

John R. Kasich
Governor

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

