

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus***RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, in 1926, Carter G. Woodson, noted historian and “The Father of Black History Month,” announced “Negro History Week” in America; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, “Negro History Week” was expanded to a month when President Gerald Ford designated February as “Black History Month”; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is celebrating its 36th year with the theme of “Black Women in American Culture and History”; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for all Ohioans to remember the lessons and teaching of those who helped build our nation, took a stance against prejudice to build lives of dignity and opportunity, advanced the important cause of civil rights, and strengthened families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Census reports that Ohio’s African American population is 12.2% of the state’s population, thereby making it the largest minority group in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, as a result of determination, hard work, intelligence, and perseverance, African Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to Ohio, the United States of America, and the world in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science, and the arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate February 2012 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

throughout Ohio. I encourage all Ohioans to reflect on past successes and challenges of African Americans, and keep in mind this year’s theme to celebrate African American women in particular. As we honor the significant contributions of African Americans in Ohio, may we strive to improve society so that we may live up to the ideals of freedom, justice, and equality.

On this 1st day of February, 2012;



John R. Kasich
Governor

