STATE OF OHIO

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the first Monday of September has been dedicated to honoring the social and economic achievements of the American worker, and stands as a tribute to the contributions workers have made to enhance the strength, prosperity and well-being of our state and country; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans have contributed significantly to the designation of Labor Day as a national holiday and as a state holiday in Ohio. In 1890, Ohio State Legislator John Patterson Green introduced House Bill 500, "A Bill to Create Labor Day in the State of Ohio." In 1894, Cedarville, Ohio native and United States Senator from South Dakota James H. Kyle introduced legislation to establish a national Labor Day to honor the working people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Labor Day is a time for all Ohioans to reflect upon the skill, leadership, initiative and ingenuity that our workers display daily to support their families, improve their communities and help cultivate an economic climate in which we can thrive and prosper; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans should mark this day by remembering the dedicated laborers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty, and strive to adopt safe, healthy and productive work environments; and

WHEREAS, Ohio workers continue to work in partnership with their employers to remain competitive in an increasingly global economy that requires a well-educated and highly-trained workforce that understands the value of life-long learning as a way to upgrade skills; and

WHEREAS, we owe a debt of gratitude to previous generations of Ohioans who worked with an unwavering commitment to create prosperity and stability, and whose hard work sustained our state in times of economic uncertainty and hardship. We, in turn, owe it to future generations of Ohioans to foster a state where hard work is rewarded and in which they and their families can succeed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 2, 2013 as

LABOR DAY

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to enjoy their holiday while reflecting upon the achievements that Ohio's working men and women contribute to our state's workforce and economy throughout the year.

On this 2nd day of September, 2013;

John R. Kasich
Governor

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