

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*  
**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is one of the world's most recognized champions of peace, justice, and equality. During the Civil Rights Movement in America, Dr. King made many memorable appearances and speeches advocating for a non-violent approach in the fight for justice and equality for all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, one of his most memorable appearances was made at the historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom that was held in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recorded that more than 200,000 people attended this event in our nation's capital, making it one of the largest demonstrations for human rights in the history of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the highlight of the 1963 March on Washington was Dr. King's groundbreaking speech, "I Have A Dream", which he gave while standing in front of the Lincoln Memorial. This speech will forever be recorded in the annals of history as a pivotal contribution to the advancement of civil rights for African Americans in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change/the King Center in Atlanta was founded by Mrs. Coretta Scott King in 1968, and is now a National Historic site under the U.S. National Park Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the King Center along with the National Park Service, are leading the call for a national day of remembrance to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington. They are encouraging communities across the world to host "Let Freedom Ring" celebrations in concert with the signature commemorative event taking place at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

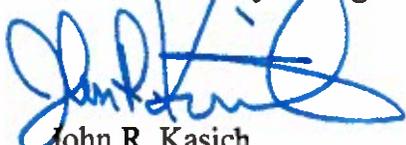
**WHEREAS**, I have designated the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission as the state's designee to encourage and support "Let Freedom Ring" events in Ohio and to increase the awareness of these events.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby designate August 28, 2013 as

## **LET FREEDOM RING DAY**

throughout Ohio and encourage communities throughout the state to hold celebrations honoring this special day dedicated to Dr. King and his eternal legacy.

On this 28th day of August, 2013;

  
John R. Kasich  
Governor

