

*Executive Department*

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it is important to pause and reflect upon inspirational moments in Ohio's history, and it is incumbent upon the Governor to recognize these moments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Territory, established by the Ordinance of 1787, included what is now Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and parts of Minnesota, and set forth provisions for how a territory could become a state; and

**WHEREAS**, President Thomas Jefferson signed the Enabling Act into law in April 1802, allowing Ohio to apply for statehood. Territorial leaders convened in Chillicothe in November of that year to draft the state's first Constitution, a document that was delivered by Thomas Worthington to Congress where it was approved and signed by the President on February 19, 1803; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 1803, the first General Assembly met in Chillicothe to complete the transfer of power, and Chillicothe served as Ohio's capital from 1803 to 1810, and again from 1812 to 1816; and

**WHEREAS**, on the occasion of Statehood Day all citizens join together to applaud the many individuals who have given their time, energy, and abilities in the spirit of cooperation and civic pride to strengthen and enrich the Buckeye State over the course of its 211 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize March 1, 2014, as

**OHIO STATEHOOD DAY**

throughout Ohio and ask that residents reflect with pride on our state's dynamic history and look forward to a rewarding, successful future.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2014;

John R. Kasich  
Governor

Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

