STATE OF OHIO

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving is a time for friends and family to gather together and express gratitude for our blessings, to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy and loved ones who enrich our lives; and

WHEREAS, we remember the story of the Pilgrims, befriended by Native Americans, who came to America in search of religious freedom and a better life. Having arrived in the New World, these early settlers gave thanks to our Creator for granting them safe passage to this abundant land and protecting them through a bitter winter; and

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving is a day when Americans recognize the providence bestowed upon our nation and celebrate the courage and faith of our country's first settlers; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln, during the Civil War, revived the tradition of proclaiming a day of thanksgiving, asking God to, "heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and Union"; and

WHEREAS, as we look back on the beginnings of our democracy and glance toward the future, Ohioans can see clearly that we live in a land of many blessings where every person has the right to live, work, and worship in freedom; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize November 28, 2013 as

THANKSGIVING DAY

throughout Ohio and ask all Ohioans to remember the many blessings that we have experienced throughout the year.

On this 28th day of November, 2013;

John R. Kasich
Governor

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor