

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a mentor is a caring, consistent presence who devotes time to a young person to help that person discover personal strength and achieve their potential through a structured and trusting relationship; and

WHEREAS, quality mentoring encourages positive choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic achievement and introduces young people to new ideas; and

WHEREAS, students who meet regularly with their mentors are more than 50 percent less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and youth who meet regularly with their mentors are nearly 50 percent less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs and more than one-quarter are less likely to start drinking; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Community Connectors was created to bring together Ohio parents, schools, communities, faith-based groups, businesses, and students in mentoring programs to help students reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Community Connectors helps better connect our communities with our schools, lift up our educators and show young Ohioans how important values are to success in life — values like hard work, discipline and personal responsibility — all of which can help motivate and inspire them to find their purpose; and

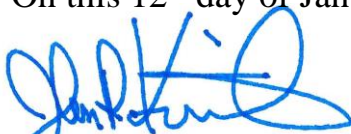
WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month raises awareness of mentoring, recruits individuals to mentor, and encourages organizations to engage and integrate quality in mentoring into their efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize January 2017 as

NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to embrace mentoring opportunities and support programs that equip young people with the tools needed to lead healthy and productive lives.

On this 12th day of January 2017;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

