

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ohio, and the rest of the world, lost a true American hero on August 25, 2012 with the passing of Neil Armstrong; and

WHEREAS, Armstrong was born on August 5, 1930, in Wapakoneta, Ohio, the place where he developed his love for flying by taking flying lessons at the county airport - where at just 15 years old, before he had a driver's license, Armstrong earned his flight certificate; and

WHEREAS, Armstrong was a decorated naval aviator, receiving the Air Medal for combat missions, a Gold Star, and the Korean Service Medal and Engagement Star all before leaving active duty Naval service at the age of 22; and

WHEREAS, after serving as a naval aviator from 1949-1952, Armstrong joined the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) in 1955. His first assignment was with the NACA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland (now NASA Glenn), followed by assignments over the next 17 years as an engineer, test pilot, astronaut and an administrator for NACA, and its successor agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); and

WHEREAS, Armstrong was the spacecraft commander for Apollo 11, the first manned lunar landing mission, and informed Mission Control, "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed"; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 1969, Armstrong gained the distinction of being the first man to land a craft on the moon and the first to step on its surface, he exclaimed upon exiting the spacecraft, "That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind."

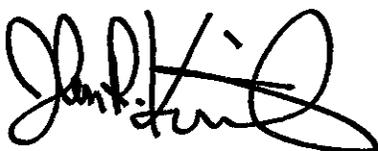
NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby honor the memory of

NEIL A. ARMSTRONG

throughout Ohio and I join all Ohioans in remembering this brave Ohio pioneer. May God bless Neil Armstrong and his family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the state of Ohio by the Ohio Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim that the flags of the United States of America and the state of Ohio shall be flown at half-staff upon all public buildings and grounds throughout Ohio from sunrise to sunset from August 27 until August 31, 2012.

On this 27th day of August, 2012;



John R. Kasich
Governor

