

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 1976, Black History Month was created by Congress to honor and affirm the importance of Black history throughout America's experience; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for all Ohioans to remember the lessons and teachings of those who helped build our nation, took a stance against prejudice to build lives of dignity and opportunity, advanced the important cause of civil rights, and strengthened families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the history of African-Americans and the struggle against slavery, segregation and racism is central to our unending quest to live up to our nation's founding principles; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 census reports that Ohio's African American population is 11.7% of the state's total population thereby making it the largest minority group in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, we seek to honor the significant contributions of African-Americans to the freedom, prosperity and cultural richness of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, African-Americans have played significant roles in the history of Ohio's economic, cultural, spiritual and political development while working to maintain and promote culture and history; and

WHEREAS, as a result of determination, hard work, intelligence and perseverance, African-Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to Ohio, the United States of America and the world, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science, and the arts; and

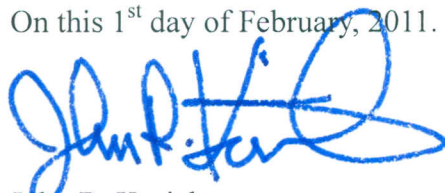
WHEREAS, one of the best ways we can shape the future is to preserve what we value from our past.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby proclaim February, 2011 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

throughout the state of Ohio and I encourage all Ohioans to reflect on past successes and challenges of African-Americans and look to the future to continue to improve society so that we live up to the ideals of freedom, equality and justice.

On this 1st day of February, 2011.



John R. Kasich
Governor

