

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Continental Congress proclaimed a National Day of Prayer in 1775 and it has been a part of our nation's history since that time; and

WHEREAS, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed a proclamation asking Americans to set aside April 30th as a day to "confess national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness;" and

WHEREAS, such a day has been observed nationally since 1952 when Congress and President Harry S. Truman provided for a National Day of Prayer "on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation;" and

WHEREAS, in 1988, legislation designating that a National Day of Prayer is to be observed on the first Thursday of every May was unanimously ratified by Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is proud to be home to citizens of many faiths, and prayer has long been a positive force that unites Ohioans and serves as a source of inspiration and hope to countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 5, 2011 with the theme "A Mighty Fortress in Our God;" and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to observe a Day of Prayer in Ohio as a time when all Ohioans may acknowledge our blessings, express gratitude, and recognize the continuing need for strong positive values to guide our state and nation.


NOW, THEREFORE, WE, JOHN R. KASICH, Governor, and MARY TAYLOR, Lt. Governor, of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate May 5, 2011 as

A DAY OF PRAYER

throughout the state of Ohio, which stands as an apt companion to our state motto, "With God All Things Are Possible!"

On this 5th day of May, 2011;


John R. Kasich
Governor


Mary Taylor
Lt. Governor

