

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

- WHEREAS,** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man with an unwavering devotion to nonviolence, service, liberty, justice and equality; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. King steadfastly promoted his vision that “was simply seeking to bring into full realization the American Dream. A dream of equality of opportunity, of privilege and property widely distributed; a dream of a land where men no longer argue that the color of a man’s skin can determine the content of his character; the dream of a land where every man will respect the dignity and worth of human personality”; and
- WHEREAS,** In the years since Dr. King’s untimely death, his vision continues to provide a powerful symbol of a life based on what he called a ‘new revolution of values based on love, compassion and justice’; and
- WHEREAS,** On November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed legislation at a White House Rose Garden ceremony creating a federal holiday to honor Dr. King and this holiday was observed for the first time nationally on January 20, 1986; and
- WHEREAS,** One of Dr. King’s famous speeches still invokes his call to action for equality when he declared that, “I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal”; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. King also said, “There are those who write history. There are those who make history. There are those that experience history”; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. King served as one of the major leaders of the Civil Rights Movement which helped to bring an end to racial segregation and helped to break down the barriers of racial and economic justice; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. King was a man who believed in nonviolence, service, liberty, justice and equality for all people and that is the legacy for which he wanted to be remembered.

**THEREFORE,** I, **John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize and pay tribute to the commitments for which Dr. King devoted his life as a symbol of freedom and equality, I hereby recognize:

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

throughout the State of Ohio on January 17, 2011 and ask all Ohioans to join me in honoring the grand legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by celebrating this year’s theme, “Dream With A Vision, Live With A Passion”.



Given under my hand and seal of the State of Ohio, in Columbus, this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of January, Two Thousand Eleven.

John R. Kasich  
Governor