

# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon the Governor to recognize remarkable contributions to our great state and it is only fitting that such recognition be posthumously bestowed upon Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Shuttlesworth is widely known as one of the bravest and most dynamic leaders of the Civil Rights Movement - a man who survived bombings, beatings and dozens of arrests in his efforts to end segregation in Birmingham, Alabama, and throughout the South, including the infamous Freedom Rides to desegregate interstate buses in the South; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Shuttlesworth, a Baptist minister and co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, helped establish nonviolent resistance as a central tenet of the Civil Rights Movement, often at great personal risk; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Shuttlesworth is often ranked in the highest tier of the nation's civil rights leaders, alongside Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, but few suffered more on the front lines. Rev. King once said that Rev. Shuttlesworth was, "the most courageous civil rights fighter in the South"; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1961, Rev. Shuttlesworth founded and became pastor of the Greater New Light Baptist church in Cincinnati, and he continued his civil rights work; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, the Cincinnati City Council voted to rename South Crescent Avenue as South Fred Shuttlesworth Circle in honor of his national leadership in the Civil Rights Movement and Rev. Shuttlesworth is a 2009 inductee of the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

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

## **REVEREND FRED SHUTTLESWORTH**

throughout Ohio. On behalf of all Ohioans, we offer our condolences to his wife, Sephira Bailey Shuttlesworth, his four children, and his grandchildren on their loss.

**FURTHERMORE**, in honor of the life and service of Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, I hereby proclaim, 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, that the flags of the United States of America and the state of Ohio shall be flown at half-staff at the Ohio Statehouse and upon all public buildings and grounds throughout Hamilton County from sunrise to sunset on October 24, 2011.

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2011;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

