

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is proper that the American people take at least one special day per year to honor the brave men and women who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day was created in 1949 to replace the separate celebrations of the individual branches of service and unify the services under one leadership agency, the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, it is tradition that there be celebratory events like parades and special luncheons or dinner meetings in honor of our men and women in uniform; and

WHEREAS, our young men and women proudly continue the tradition of serving in the United States Armed Forces to keep this great country free; and

WHEREAS, we remember today those who remain Prisoner of War or Missing In Action, and the anguish of their families who live in limbo; and

WHEREAS, we give thanks particularly for those who serve in harm's way as they protect our freedom and the freedom of peoples around the world, and we remember also those who serve in places unknown to us at this time; and

WHEREAS, we thank families who spend long hours waiting and worrying over the safety of their loved ones in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, we honor the patriotism, service and sacrifice of our military personnel and their families, and pray for their safety; and

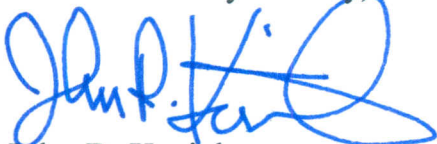
WHEREAS, we admire the knowledge and expertise of our Armed Forces and are grateful for their service as they proudly wear the uniform of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate May 21, 2011 as

ARMED FORCES DAY

throughout Ohio and urge all citizens to commemorate this day by saluting the service of the men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces.

On this 20th day of May, 2011;



John R. Kasich
Governor

