

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, early Ohioans wanted their capitol building to serve as a symbol of the state's democratic form of government, so they looked for inspiration to the architecture of ancient Greece, and

WHEREAS, the Statehouse Act of 1838 created a commission to conduct a competition to select a design for a new Capitol building on the massive 10-acre public square in the heart of the new capital city, and

WHEREAS, the legislature began construction of the Ohio Statehouse based on a composite design incorporating the best features of the three winning designs, and

WHEREAS, after 22 years of construction, the Ohio Statehouse was completed in 1861 at the beginning of the American Civil War, and

WHEREAS, throughout the decades, the Ohio Statehouse has stood the test of time – a symbol of democracy that all Ohioans can be proud of, and

WHEREAS, since the Ohio Statehouse was completed, thousands of great men and women have come to serve their fellow citizens as governor, state representative and state senator, and

WHEREAS, while the seal on the interior dome in the Rotunda has changed over time, the symbolism has remained the same: the voice of the people shines down upon every elected official who walks these hallowed halls of representative democracy, and

WHEREAS, Capitol Square is a place for Ohioans of every race, age and creed to gather and participate in the process and celebrate Ohio's great achievements, and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Statehouse stands at the center of Capitol Square and at the center of public life for Ohioans, and it is one of the most historically and symbolically significant buildings in the nation, and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Statehouse is both the seat of state government and a political symbol of our democratic heritage, spirit and accomplishments as a self-governing people, and

WHEREAS, this building provides a sense of identity and continuity among past, present and future generations of Ohioans, and

WHEREAS, 172 years ago, construction began on our Capitol Building, and when the great work was finally completed in 1861, Ohioans joined together to celebrate the wonder of the difficult achievement that resulted in this centerpiece of Ohio democracy, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. KASICH, Governor of Ohio, do hereby recognize the

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and ask all Ohio in joining me in celebrating the history of the Ohio Statehouse throughout 2011.

On this 13th day of February, 2011;



John Kasich
Governor

