

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man with unwavering devotion to his faith in God, his family, community, nation and world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King dedicated his life to the principles of nonviolence, service, liberty, justice and equality, which continues to inspire people to work to make the world a place that is not segregated along racial lines, but joined in a “beautiful symphony of brotherhood”; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Dr. King’s words and actions led to groundbreaking achievements such as the 1963 March on Washington where he spoke of his vision where all are judged “by the content of their character” and his steadfast efforts to ensure the passage of the historic Voting Rights Act of 1965, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King taught us that it is far better to love than hate, to seek justice rather than revenge and to refrain from acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King’s efforts and legacy of service were honored in 1983 by the President of the United States and Congress with the establishment, by law, of a national holiday to observe the anniversary of his birth; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Ohio’s Governor re-established the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission to plan an annual statewide celebration honoring Dr. King, which continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the theme of the Commission’s 2015 celebration is “Give Us the Ballot: A Hope for Change”, as it coincides with the anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, all Ohioans are encouraged to reflect upon the life and accomplishments of Dr. King and recognize that his vision continues to provide a powerful symbol of a life based on the values of love, peace, compassion, dignity, non-violence and justice for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize January 19, 2015 as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

throughout Ohio and we urge all Ohioans to take part in this observance and celebrate the life of Dr. King, whose struggle for civil rights and noble pursuit of equality for all Americans deserves our heartfelt appreciation.

On this 16th day of January 2015;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

