

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to recognize important moments in Ohio's history; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance of 1787 established the Northwest Territory, a large body of land that included what is now Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and parts of Minnesota and set forth provisions for how a territory could become a state; and

WHEREAS, President Thomas Jefferson signed the Enabling Act into law in April 1802, allowing Ohio to apply for statehood. Territorial leaders convened in Chillicothe in November of that year to draft the state's first Constitution, a document that was delivered by Thomas Worthington to Congress, where it was approved and signed by the President on February 19, 1803; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 1803, the first General Assembly met in Chillicothe to complete the transfer of power. Chillicothe would serve as Ohio's capital from 1803 to 1810, and again from 1812 to 1816; and

WHEREAS, on the occasion of Statehood Day, Ohioans should join together to recognize the many individuals who have given their time, energy, and talent to strengthen and enrich the Buckeye State over the course of its 212 year history.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize March 1, 2015 as

OHIO STATEHOOD DAY

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to join us in reflecting on our state's unique heritage while looking forward to our continued success.

On this 1st day of March 2015;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

