

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Continental Congress proclaimed a National Day of Prayer in 1775 and it has been a part of our nation's history since that time; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed a proclamation asking Americans to set aside April 30th as a day to "confess national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness;" and

**WHEREAS**, such a day has been observed nationally since 1952 when Congress and President Harry S. Truman provided for a National Day of Prayer "on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation;" and

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, legislation designating that a National Day of Prayer is to be observed on the first Thursday of every May was unanimously approved by Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio is proud to be home to citizens of many faiths, and prayer has long been a positive force that unites Ohioans and serves as a source of inspiration and hope to countless individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 7, 2015 with the theme "Lord, Hear Our Cry;" and

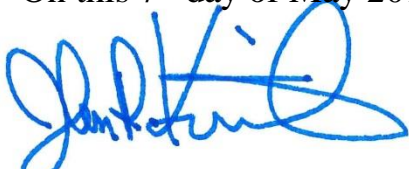
**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to observe a Day of Prayer in Ohio as a time when all Ohioans may acknowledge our blessings, express gratitude, and recognize the continuing need for strong positive values to guide our state and nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, JOHN R. KASICH, Governor, and MARY TAYLOR, Lieutenant Governor, of the State of Ohio,** do hereby recognize May 7, 2015 as

**A DAY OF PRAYER**

throughout the state of Ohio, which stands as an apt companion to our state motto, "*With God All Things Are Possible!*"

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015;



John R. Kasich  
Governor



Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

