

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, President George Washington first proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving on November 26, 1789 at the request of the first Congress which had asked for "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God;" and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln, during the Civil War, revived the tradition of proclaiming a day of thanksgiving, asking God to "heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and union;" and

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving is a day when Americans recognize the providence bestowed upon our nation and celebrate the courage and faith of our country's first settlers; and

WHEREAS, we are fortunate to live in a free country with rights endowed by our Creator that include the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness which are protected by the service and sacrifice of the brave men and women of our military; and

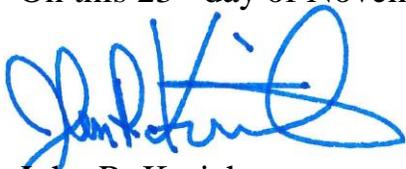
WHEREAS, as we celebrate this special time with family and friends, we are reminded of the special memories we share and we give thanks for the opportunities we have.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize November 24, 2016 as

THANKSGIVING DAY

throughout Ohio and ask all Ohioans to join us in recognizing the many blessings that we have experienced throughout the year while looking forward to our promising future.

On this 23rd day of November 2016;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

