

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 Federal 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 time for friends and family to gather together and express gratitude for our blessings, to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy and loved ones who enrich our lives; 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; and

WHEREAS, we are grateful for the sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform who will be unable to spend Thanksgiving with their loved ones, and we owe all men and women who have served our nation a debt of gratitude which can never be fully repaid.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize November 27, 2014 as

THANKSGIVING DAY

throughout Ohio and ask all Ohioans to remember the many blessings that we have experienced throughout the year.

On this 26th day of November, 2014;

John R. Kasich
Governor

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

