

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 worked tirelessly to promote his vision of humanity in which all people could live together, work together, learn together and prosper together regardless of the color of their skin; and

WHEREAS, he reminded us that the promise of full freedom and equality expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution had yet to be fulfilled. He also declared that the achievement of peace requires the establishment of justice; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Ohio Governor George Voinovich re-established the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission and tasked the Commission with promoting Dr. King's vision and principles of nonviolence and community service; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the Commission's 2017 celebration is "Stick with Love: The Work Continues," inspired by Dr. King's love-themed speech given nearly 50 years ago. This anti-Vietnam War and pro-social justice speech, titled "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence," was delivered on April 4, 1967, at Riverside Church in New York City. In the speech, Dr. King called for "an all-embracing and unconditional love for all mankind," which is "an absolute necessity for the survival of man;" and

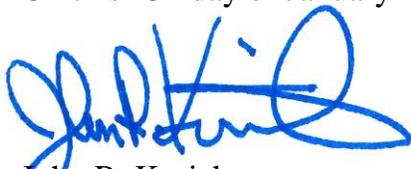
WHEREAS, all Ohioans are encouraged to reflect on the life and accomplishments of Dr. King and embrace his vision of equality, compassion, justice and peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio,
do hereby recognize January 16, 2017 as

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

throughout Ohio and we encourage all Ohioans to take part in this observance and celebrate the life of Dr. King whose legacy continues to serve as an inspiration to people throughout our state, nation and world.

On this 13th day of January 2017;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

