JOHN R. KASICH
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2013-09K

Instructing Tax Commissioner to Seek Full Membership for Ohio
in the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Project

WHEREAS, the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Project (SSUTP) was created by the National Governor's Association and the National Conference of State Legislatures in the fall of 1999 to create a more business-friendly sales tax system and simplify sales tax collection.

WHEREAS, due to the cooperative efforts of forty-four (44) states, the District of Columbia, local governments, and the business community, member states and local government entities have entered into the SSUTP Agreement to simplify sales and use tax collection and administration by retailers and states.

WHEREAS, the SSUTP Agreement minimizes costs and administrative burdens on retailers that collect tax on sales, particularly retailers operating in multiple states, and it encourages "remote sellers" selling over the Internet and by mail order to collect tax on sales to customers living in the states subject to the agreement.

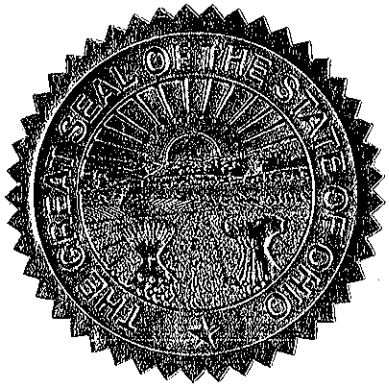
WHEREAS, the SSUTP Agreement levels the playing field so that local "brick-and-mortar" stores and remote sellers operate under the same rules, thus ensuring that all retailers can conduct their business in a fair, competitive environment.

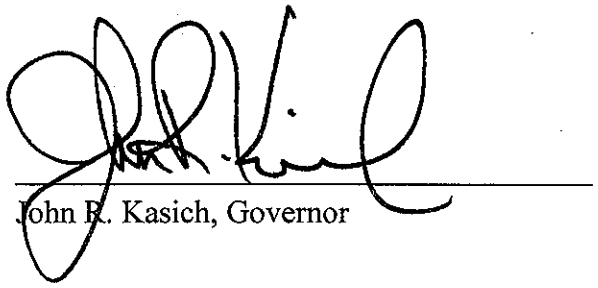
WHEREAS, because Ohio's origin sourcing rules for intrastate sales were in conflict with the rules prescribed by the SSUTP Agreement, Ohio has had a more limited associate membership in the SSUTP since October 2005.

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2012, the SSUTP Governing Board amended the SSUTP Agreement to eliminate that conflict and to make it possible for states such as Ohio to become full members of SSUTP.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Ohio, including Ohio Revised Code Section 5740.03, do hereby order and direct that the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio shall immediately take the necessary actions to apply with the SSUTP Governing Board for Ohio's full membership in the SSUTP.

I signed this Executive Order on July 9th, 2013, in Columbus, Ohio, and it will not expire unless it is rescinded.





John R. Kasich, Governor

ATTEST:

John Husted, Secretary of State