

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on July 2, 1776 the Continental Congress voted to declare independence from Great Britain, and two days later, on July 4, adopted the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, John Adams wrote that Independence Day “will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty;” and

WHEREAS, in 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day a federal holiday, and every year on July 4th the United States celebrates our God-given freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, each year we set aside the time to cherish moments with our friends and family, and to celebrate the freedoms we are blessed with as Americans; and

WHEREAS, we owe a debt of gratitude to all members of the military who have answered the call of duty to defend our way of life and the liberties we hold dear; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, founded on the principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, is the product of diversity and fortitude and a beacon of hope and freedom to the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize July 4, 2013 as:

INDEPENDENCE DAY

throughout Ohio and our entire nation, and I urge all Ohioans to take part in the observance of this holiday by spending time with loved ones and thanking the many individuals who have made sacrifices to ensure the quality of life in our country.

On this 4th day of July, 2013;



John R. Kasich
Governor

