

**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus***RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, my good friend, Jack Bushnell Hanna, known more commonly as Jungle Jack, has been a lover of animals since childhood—in fact, his passion was undeniable as he spent countless hours cleaning cages and assisting his family’s veterinarian, Dr. Roberts, as he grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, upon graduating from high school, Jack made his way to Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio, marking the beginning of a lifelong bond he would form with our great state, as well as the people and animals within it; and

**WHEREAS**, after meeting at Muskingum, and marrying in 1968, Jack and Suzi Hanna seized the opportunity to open a small pet shop in Knoxville—however, it was young Jack’s steadfast ambition that led him to apply for a job in Sanford, Florida to become the director of the Central Florida Zoo; and

**WHEREAS**, due to an illness within his family, Jack took a small hiatus from animals in 1975; but Jack, like most who experience the wonderful atmosphere and good people of our state, returned to Ohio as the director of the Columbus Zoo in 1978 where he began his remarkable legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, what Jack has accomplished for the Columbus Zoo since his arrival has created a new standard for zoos and animal welfare—he has personally transformed the image of the zoo by raising awareness, creating educational opportunities, updating the quality of the habitats, advocating for the protection and care of the animals, expanding the zoo’s exhibits and attractions, generating funds and becoming a national leader of the animal world; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack’s celebrity status has been for the greater mission of teaching the world more about wild animals and their habitats—like many others involved with animals, from zoologists to pet owners, Jack places a great deal of importance on advocating for God’s beautiful creatures; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the past 35 years, Jungle Jack has contributed to an immeasurable amount of commerce and pride within our state; his dedication and passion for animals has encouraged Ohioans to seek the same sense of purpose in their own lives—not to mention the influence he has had in the world of fashion on account of his world-renowned Khaki wardrobe; and

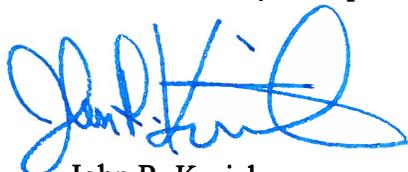
**WHEREAS**, Jack Hanna is one of Ohio’s greatest treasures and we cannot thank him enough for the impact he has had on the lives of animals and humans alike.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize September 18, 2013 as

**JACK HANNA DAY**

throughout Ohio as we celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his involvement with the Columbus Zoo. Happy Hanna-versary, Jack!

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

