

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy of honor, integrity and commitment to community has endured for nearly five decades, and continues to serve as an inspiration to all those who cherish faith, justice, freedom and family; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King's leadership and courage were instrumental to the success of the civil rights movement and his fight for equality inspired a generation of change; and

**WHEREAS**, despite acts of violence against himself, his family and his property, Dr. King continued to speak out against racism and hatred wherever it existed and encouraged others to create a world where individuals "will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character;" 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 2016 celebration is "What Would Dr. King Say Today: Chaos or Community?" The theme is a modification of the title of Dr. King's book "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?" which emphasizes the need to end racism and social injustice. To do so, we must all speak up and not remain silent when we are aware of injustices; and

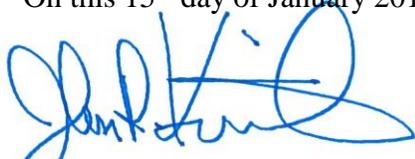
**WHEREAS**, all Ohioans are encouraged to reflect upon the life and accomplishments of Dr. King and embrace his vision of equality, compassion, justice and peace.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize January 18, 2016 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016;



John R. Kasich  
Governor



Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

