STATE OF OHIO

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on the morning of December 7, 1941, Japanese forces conducted a surprise military strike on the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, targeting American ships, military installations and airfields; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,500 Americans were killed or wounded as a result of the attack on Pearl Harbor. 2,403 Americans made the ultimate sacrifice, including 68 civilians; and

WHEREAS, after two waves of air attacks all eight U.S. Navy battleships were damaged with four being sunk, three destroyers were sunk or damaged, and 188 aircraft were destroyed while 159 were damaged; and

WHEREAS, after the events of December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, thousands of determined Americans immediately volunteered their service to a devastated nation. Sixteen million Americans served during World War II, and more than 400,000 paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of life and liberty; and

WHEREAS, with grateful hearts we remember and honor our servicemen and women and civilians who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy"; and

WHEREAS, it is important to have a day of remembrance to honor our military, past and present, who have made sacrifices for the betterment of our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize December 7, 2013 as

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

and I encourage all Ohioans to remember those who lost their lives that December morning and to honor them by attending special ceremonies and remembrances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with orders from the President of the United States of America, I hereby proclaim, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Ohio by the Ohio Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, that the flags of the United States of America and the State of Ohio shall be flown at half-staff upon all public buildings and grounds throughout Ohio from sunrise until sunset on December 7, 2013.

On this 6th day of December, 2013;

John R. Kasich
Governor

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

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