

# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, President George Washington first proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving on November 26, 1789 at the request of the first Federal Congress which requested “a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God”; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln began the tradition of an annual Thanksgiving celebration, asking Americans to “set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens”; and

**WHEREAS**, we are grateful to those early courageous settlers who embarked on a treacherous journey in search of religious tolerance, freedom, and better lives; and

**WHEREAS**, we are fortunate to live in a free country, with rights endowed by our Creator that include the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

**WHEREAS**, we are thankful for the sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform who will be unable to spend Thanksgiving with their loved ones, and we remember those who have been injured or lost their lives in service to our country so that we may remain free; and

**WHEREAS**, Thanksgiving is a day to spend time amongst friends and family, to show gratitude for the blessings that have been bestowed upon us, and to celebrate the time spent together.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize November 22, 2012 as

## THANKSGIVING DAY

throughout Ohio and ask all Ohioans to spend time with friends and family reflecting on the fortune we have experienced throughout the year.

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2012;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

