

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man with unwavering devotion to faith in God, nonviolence, service, liberty, justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Dr. King's words and actions inspired a vision of a future America in which people are not segregated along racial lines, but are joined in a "beautiful symphony of brotherhood" by which all are judged "by the content of their character"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King taught us that it is far better to "love than hate, to seek justice rather than revenge, to refrain from acts of violence nor excuse those who engage in violence or profess hatred for any people, group or race"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King has enriched our heritage and our commitment to non-violence, peace, dignity and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, the Congress and the President of the United States have established by law a national holiday to observe the anniversary of Dr. King's birth; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that Ohioans reflect upon the life and accomplishments of Dr. King and recognize that his vision continues to provide a powerful symbol of a life based on the values of love, compassion and justice; and

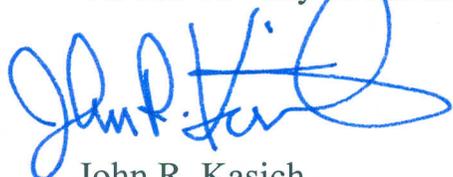
WHEREAS, all Ohioans are encouraged to pay tribute to the vital role, past and present, of the African-American community in all avenues of endeavor and remember Dr. King's legacy of cooperation between all segments of our diverse community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate **January 16, 2012** as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

throughout Ohio. I urge all Ohioans to avail themselves of the opportunity to remember and celebrate the life of Dr. King, whose struggle for civil rights and noble pursuit of equality for all Americans deserves our heartfelt appreciation.

On this 12th day of January, 2012;



John R. Kasich
Governor

