

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man with unwavering devotion to his faith, family, community, nation and world, and his legacy of courage, honor and integrity has endured for half a century; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's words, actions and leadership taught a generation of Americans that it is far better to love than hate and to work to make change happen in our communities; 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 Commission's 2018 celebration commemorates the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's untimely passing with the theme "MLK50: Legacy of Love in Pursuit of Justice." The theme strives to summarize Dr. King's life work and the ensuing 50 years; and

WHEREAS, as we remember Dr. King's life and pay tribute to the impact he made, let us renew our shared commitment to the ideals for which he fought: justice, peace and equality for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio,
do hereby recognize January 15, 2018 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 12th day of January 2018;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

