

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Northwest Territory, established by the Ordinance of 1787, included what is now Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and parts of Minnesota, and set forth provisions for how a territory could become a state; and

WHEREAS, President Thomas Jefferson signed the Enabling Act into law in April 1802, allowing Ohio to apply for statehood. Territorial leaders convened in Chillicothe in November of that year to draft the state's first Constitution, a document that was delivered by Thomas Worthington to Congress, where it was approved and signed by the president on February 19, 1803; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 1803, the first General Assembly met in Chillicothe to complete the transfer of power. Chillicothe served as Ohio's capital from 1803 to 1810, and again from 1812 to 1816; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a congressional joint resolution officially recognizing March 1, 1803 as the official date of Ohio's statehood; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 213-year history, Ohio has contributed significantly to the social and economic fabric of our nation, and it is incumbent upon all Ohioans to reflect and honor the people, places and events associated with our state's rich history.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize March 1, 2016 as

OHIO STATEHOOD DAY

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to join us in celebrating 213 years of unique heritage.

On this 1st day of March 2016;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

