STATE OF OHIO

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man with unwavering devotion to his faith in God, his family, community, nation, and world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King dedicated his life to the principles of nonviolence, service, liberty, justice, and equality, which inspired millions around the world to work toward a common vision to make America, and the world, a place that is not segregated along racial lines, but joined in a "beautiful symphony of brotherhood"; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Dr. King's words and actions led to groundbreaking achievements such as the 1963 March on Washington where he spoke of his vision where all are judged "by the content of their character" and his steadfast efforts to ensure the passage of the historic Civil Rights Act of 1964, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King taught us that it is far better to love than hate, to seek justice rather than revenge, and to refrain from acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's efforts and legacy of service was honored in 1983 by the President of the United States and Congress with the establishment, by law, of a national holiday to observe the anniversary of his birth; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Ohio's Governor established the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission to plan an annual statewide celebration honoring Dr. King, which continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 Dr. King was honored with the unveiling of the *Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial* on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., spearheaded by the efforts of his beloved family and fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha; 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, peace, compassion, dignity, non-violence, and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, all Ohioans are encouraged to join with the state and nation as we 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 recognize January 20, 2014 as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

throughout Ohio and I urge all Ohioans to take part in the observance 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 20th day of January, 2014;

John R. Kasich
Governor

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