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GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

In recognition of the 2012 Martin Luther King Day Celebration

Hosted by The Ohio MLK, Jr. Holiday Commission being held in Columbus, Ohio

I am honored to recognize this year's event held in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year's theme, "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Mission Still to Fulfill!", reaffirms a commitment to Dr. King's teachings and a rededication to the values he propagated. While I am proud to see how far Ohio and the nation have come in realizing Dr. King's dream of racial equality, we recognize that more work needs to be done.

Dr. King's accomplishments, such as leading the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott, his famous "I Have A Dream" speech at the 1963 March on Washington, the famous "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", co-founding the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and serving as one of the major leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, helped to end racial segregation and break barriers of racial and economic injustice.

The long-awaited Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial was unveiled this fall and is a wonderful tribute to Dr. King and his grand legacy. Dr. King was a man who believed in equality and justice for all people, that is the legacy for which he wanted to be remembered, and that is the goal for which we strive.

I believe that the best way we can honor Dr. King's dream is to be relentless in our pursuit of it becoming a reality in the United States and the world. I applaud the Ohio MLK, Jr. Holiday Commission for its continued efforts to fulfill Dr. King's dream. Your service to the local community and to our great state is to be commended. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable celebration.

On this 12th day of January 2012:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John R. Kasich". The signature is stylized and fluid.

John R. Kasich
Governor