

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1926, Carter G. Woodson, noted historian and “The Father of Black History Month,” announced “Negro History Week” in America; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976, “Negro History Week” was expanded to a month when President Gerald Ford designated February as “Black History Month”; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is celebrating its 38<sup>th</sup> year with the theme of “Civil Rights in America”; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is a time for all Ohioans to remember the lessons and teachings of those who helped build our nation, took a stand against prejudice to build lives of dignity and opportunity, advanced the important cause of civil rights, and strengthened families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of determination, hard work, education, and perseverance, African Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to Ohio, the United States of America, and the world in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science, and the arts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize February 2014 as

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

throughout Ohio and we encourage all Ohioans to reflect on the past successes and challenges of African Americans as well as their significant contributions to the success of our state and nation. May we strive to improve society so that we may live up to the ideals of freedom, justice, and equality.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2014;

John R. Kasich  
Governor

Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

