

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 1963, President John F. Kennedy asked Congress to pass a civil rights act in a televised speech from the Oval Office – a call to action to stand against decades of discrimination, hatred and injustice perpetrated against African-Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth were on the forefront of the battle for civil rights, fighting against man’s inhumanity to man and for equality for all, ensuring that we judge individuals by the “content of their character;” and

**WHEREAS**, on July 2, 1964, the Civil Rights Act was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, outlawing discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout history, few pieces of legislation have made a greater impact than the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon all Americans to reflect on the struggles of our past, address the challenges of the present and embrace the potential of our future; and

**WHEREAS**, July 2, 2014 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the

**CIVIL RIGHTS ACT**

and ask all Ohioans to join us in the recognition of this anniversary - an important reminder to stand against evil and hatred wherever they may exist.

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2014;



John R. Kasich  
Governor



Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

