STATE OF OHIO

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, September 15 through October 15 is designated as National Hispanic Heritage Month in the United States and is dedicated to celebrating the history and contributions of Hispanic/Latino Americans; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded to a month-long designation and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan in August 1988; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic/Latino Americans have contributed significantly to Ohio's economic, business, and community development success; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (OCHLA) serves as a critical hub for Ohio's Hispanic/Latino community and has helped to develop a statewide network of community organizations that provide valuable services and resources to their local communities; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Hispanic Heritage Month 2015 is "*Honoring our Heritage. Building our Future.*"

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 15 – October 15, 2015 as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans, especially our Hispanic/Latino community, to join in this celebration with appropriate observances and activities in the greatest traditions of the Hispanic/Latino heritage.

On this 15th day of September 2015;

John R. Kasich
Governor

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor