WHEREAS, with the invasion of Poland on September 1st, 1939, World War II had begun and the stability of our world was at great risk. The attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 was a turning point in the war, as it initiated American involvement; and

WHEREAS, more than 693,000 Ohioans answered the call to serve in World War II. Among these, more than 16,800 made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, these courageous men and women served under extremely arduous conditions in a bitterly fought war and did all that was asked of them to fight against hatred and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, more than 41,000 veterans of the World War II era live in Ohio today, and their service and sacrifice is a testament to the greatness of our nation then, and an inspiration to all of us to aspire to great deeds today.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize the 70th anniversary of Japan publicly announcing the acceptance of the terms of unconditional surrender which signaled the end of

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and encourage all Ohioans to join us in remembering and thanking all those who served in World War II for their service and their contribution to ensuring our freedom and liberty. We owe each of them a debt of gratitude we can never fully repay.

On this 14th day of August 2015;

John R. Kasich
Governor

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor