WHEREAS, great leadership strengthens the fabric of the great State of Ohio and the many fabulous communities that dot its 88 counties; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio State University, our land grant university, was established in 1870 by the Cannon Act and was first known as The Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College, and since has worked on behalf of the people of Ohio for more than one-hundred forty-five years; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio State University continues to humbly serve the people of Ohio through education, research, outreach and engagement, and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio State University provides critically important services to the people of Ohio and beyond as a global leader in academic excellence and transformative discoveries in research and medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael V. Drake, a scholar and visionary leader in higher education for more than three decades, became the 15th president of The Ohio State University on June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael V. Drake’s investiture, an academic ceremony to confer the official powers of office and symbols of such, is being celebrated on this day; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael V. Drake will guide one of the world’s preeminent public research institutions forward through his commitment to student scholarship and diverse pursuits of knowledge and opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize March 31, 2015, as

SCARLET AND GRAY DAY

on the campuses of The Ohio State University and throughout the great State of Ohio.

On this 31st day of March 2015;

[Signature]
John R. Kasich
Governor

[Signature]
Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor