

STATE OF OHIO

# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Local Foods Week is being celebrated throughout Ohio August 7-13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in order to bring greater awareness of the nutritional, economic, and social benefits of local foods in Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, healthy eating is vital to building a healthy regional food system throughout the state of Ohio and addressing obesity and related chronic illnesses can be strengthened through greater consumption of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and other locally produced foods; and

**WHEREAS**, both consumers and farmers benefit from the expansion of a local food system which includes direct sales of food products from farmers to consumers, development of value-added food products by local businesses in Ohio, and institutional purchases of locally produced foods directly from farmers, such as the Ohio Farm to School Program; and

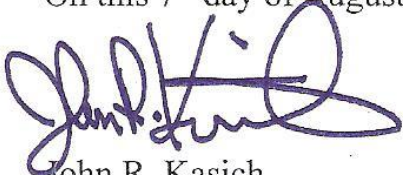
**WHEREAS**, consumers can make a substantial positive impact on local, regional, and state economies by purchasing food from local farms and producers.

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

## OHIO LOCAL FOODS WEEK

from August 7-13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and we encourage all Ohioans to support local agriculture and purchase more high-quality, locally produced foods, and learn about the benefits of agriculture and local foods produced in the state of Ohio.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016;



John R. Kasich  
Governor



Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

