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Governor Kasich Recognizes November 2015 as Hire a Veteran Month

Ohio offers veterans a fast track to jobs and education

COLUMBUS, OHIO - Governor John R. Kasich and Lt. Governor Mary Taylor recently signed a resolution officially recognizing November 2015 as *Hire a Veteran Month* throughout Ohio, asking Ohio's employers to consider the skills and abilities of Ohio's military veterans and service members when seeking new employees.

Ohio is proud to be called home by nearly 900,000 veterans and military service members and is committed to prioritizing and increasing the number of veterans, military service members and their families living and working in the state.

In his 2014 State of the State Address, Governor John Kasich said, "One of the best kept secrets in our state are our veterans. Not only do they deserve our thanks for the sacrifices they've made for our freedom, they deserve our help to transition back into civilian life." Taking those words to heart, Governor Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly implemented several reforms that now make it easier for veterans and their spouses to obtain a state license or certificate for jobs in Ohio. And, Ohio's 37 public colleges and universities are building a system to better apply military experience toward free college credit.

In addition, the state launched the OhioMeansJobs.com Veterans Business Support Center in July 2014 specifically to make it easier for employers to connect with veteran talent. More than 2,300 employers have requested veteran resumes resulting in **490 veterans hired** through this initiative. [Click here to visit the Veteran Business Support Center.](#)

For the veteran community, the new www.OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com gives Ohio veterans, service members and their families one easy entry point to find information about jobs, building civilian resumes, professional licenses, benefits and how to obtain free college credit for their military training, education and service.

OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com offers:

- **Military Skills Translator** – Military skills are translated into civilian terms to help build your resume.
- **Military Occupation Search** – Learn how your MOS code/title translates to Ohio's in-demand jobs.
- **Licensing and Certification** – Turn your military training and experience into a professional license and/or certification. State boards and commissions expedite military members applications and their spouses.
- **Free College Credit for Military Experience** – Ohio's colleges and universities are trained to recognize military training and experience and translate it into FREE college credits.
- **Military Friendly Employers** – Find more than 1,263 Ohio employers that provide hiring preferences or other benefits to veterans and their families.
- **Veteran-Owned Businesses** – Learn about resources and programs to help veterans start or grow a business.
- **Veterans Resource Guide** – Find out about federal, state and local veterans benefits.

Ohio's workforce system is placing a greater priority on the veteran community. For individuals, the state is able to better connect Ohio's veterans with the job training and tools they need to compete for Ohio's In-Demand Jobs. For employers, Ohio is better positioned to assist them in identifying and connecting with qualified job-seeking veterans. Together we are helping more Ohio veterans find rewarding careers, providing for themselves and their families.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, military veterans have selflessly served our state and nation to protect the freedom and democracy of our country both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, veterans have contributed to our nation not only by serving in the military, but also by serving their fellow veterans and citizens from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is proud to be called home by nearly 900,000 veterans and service members – the 6th largest population in the nation; and

WHEREAS, military service members have received extensive education and skills training in a broad range of areas that directly correlates to private sector occupations, and as a result of their military experience have gained leadership and management perspectives that are invaluable to today's employers; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has worked to better connect veterans to employers with the launching of OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com and the Military-Friendly Employer Registry where over 1,200 companies have already registered as companies that actively support our veteran community; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio recognizes military service as an important and valuable asset to any workplace, and works to ensure Ohio businesses are connected with qualified veteran job seekers; and

WHEREAS, we owe a debt of gratitude to all veterans and we thank them for exemplifying the highest traditions of patriotism for all Americans.

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

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throughout Ohio and encourage Ohio's employers to consider the skills and abilities possessed by Ohio's military veterans when seeking new employees.

On this 1st day of November 2015;

John R. Kasich
Governor

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

