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State Expands Services for Unemployed Veterans

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Governor John R. Kasich and Lt. Governor Mary Taylor have proclaimed November Hire a Veteran Month, and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) encourages employers to consider the skills and abilities of military veterans when seeking new employees.

“According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are approximately 35,000 unemployed veterans in Ohio,” said ODJFS Director Cynthia C. Dungey. “ODJFS is committed to matching unemployed veterans with employers looking to hire. Last year, nearly 80 percent of veterans who received intensive employment services from ODJFS found work.”

Together with the Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation and the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, ODJFS recently launched the Veterans Business Support Center, which offers employers online, over-the-phone or face-to-face help finding skilled veteran candidates for jobs. Staffed by veterans, the center can help employers post openings, screen resumes and research the demographics of veterans in their area. Since launching in July, the Veterans Business Support Center has assisted 1,086 employers and placed 58 veterans into jobs.

ODJFS also can help employers submit applications for a Work Opportunity Tax Credit, a federal tax credit of \$2,400 to \$9,600 for each eligible veteran hired.

For veterans looking for work or career advancement, ODJFS provides job training and job search assistance at OhioMeansJobs Centers around the state and online at www.ohiomeansjobs.com. Employment services are tailored to meet each individual’s needs and can include referral for assistance with housing, health care, transportation and other needs.

In addition, Ohio veterans now can receive college credit for military experience, use military experience to meet the requirements for many professional licenses and certifications, and use GI Bill money to pay for occupational license and certificate testing fees.

To learn more about employment services for veterans and employers, click “Get Started” at www.ohiomeansjobs.com.

EDITOR’S NOTE: The resolution from Governor Kasich and Lt. Governor Taylor is attached.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, citizens of the United States have always answered the call to arms and served our nation in times of war and peace; and

WHEREAS, military veterans have selflessly served to protect the freedom and democracy of our nation and exemplify the highest traditions of patriotism for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, we owe a debt of gratitude to our veterans and should thank them each and every day for their service; and

WHEREAS, millions of these citizens have returned from the armed services to take their rightful place in the ranks of the citizenry; 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, military service instills in veterans a respect for authority, ability to follow instruction and an acute understanding of leading in adversity - all qualities employers seek in a job candidate.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize November 2014 as

HIRE A VETERAN MONTH

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

On this 1st day of November, 2014;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

