

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on December 17th, 1903, the Wright Brothers achieved the first powered flight of a "heavier-than-air" aircraft, and thus opened the door to some of the greatest accomplishments and events witnessed by human-kind in the past century; and

WHEREAS, since that date, Ohio has become a recognized leader in the aerospace industry and is the home to numerous aviation companies including Hartzell Propeller Inc., the Waco Aircraft Company, the Aeronca Inc. and others; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has many museums that that are devoted to the conservation, study and exhibition of many historic aviation achievements and artifacts. These museums include, the United States Air Force Museum, the Ohio History of Flight Museum, the Neil Armstrong Air & Space Museum, the WACO Museum and others; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is also the home to many world renowned air and space pioneers including Wilbur and Orville Wright, Neil A. Armstrong, John H. Glenn and others; and

WHEREAS, Aviation is vitally important economic engine and the future of aviation is dependent upon a well-informed and educated populace, and this celebration of powered flight is also a celebration of the ingenuity and creativity of Americans, as well as America's contribution to air and space flight.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BOB TAFT, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize 2003 as the

CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT

and encourage all Ohioans to reflect upon the important role manned flight has played in the history, economic vitality and industrial growth of the State of Ohio.

On this 1st day of May, 2003;

Bob Taft

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Governor

