

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1907, Dr. Maria Montessori opened the Casa Dei Bambini for at-risk children who were not able to enter the public school system; and

**WHEREAS**, based on her observations of children and the manner by which they learn, Dr. Maria Montessori created a unique learning environment in which at-risk children flourished academically; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1929, Dr. Montessori established the Association Montessori Internationale to promote Montessori education worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montessori method includes a focus on the individual child in which children interact respectfully with each other, aided by one-on-one teacher-student interaction in a mixed-age learning environment that encourages critical thinking; and

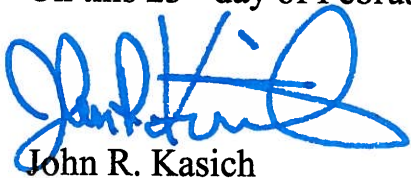
**WHEREAS**, with more than 4,000 Montessori schools across the country and thousands more around the world, the Montessori method continues to be embraced by parents and educators alike to prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize February 23 – March 1, 2014 as

**MONTESSORI EDUCATION  
WEEK**

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to recognize the important contribution Montessori education continues to make throughout our state.

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2014;



John R. Kasich  
Governor



Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

