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Governor Kasich Recognizes November as Hire-a-Veteran Month

Ohio offers veterans and their spouses a fast track to jobs and education

Governor John R. Kasich issued a resolution today officially recognizing November as *Hire-a-Veteran Month*, asking Ohio's employers to consider the skills and abilities of Ohio's military veterans and service members when seeking new employees.

The resolution highlights that 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.

Ohio is proud to be called home for nearly 900,000 veterans and military service members – the sixth-largest veteran population in the nation. About 10,000 Ohio veterans transition out of the military each year. The state of Ohio recognizes veterans as a valuable, talented and skilled workforce, and is committed to increasing the number of military service members and veterans living and working in Ohio. Military spouses are also a priority for Ohio's workforce. We owe these men and women a debt of gratitude for supporting their service members and managing the Homefront.

Governor Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly have implemented reforms that make it easier for veterans and their spouses to obtain state-issued professional licenses or certificates for jobs in Ohio. In fact, in the area of education, state teaching and coaching licenses and certificates are now free (including renewals) for Ohio veterans, service members and their spouses.

The OhioMeansJobs Veterans Business Support Center makes it easier for employers to connect with veteran talent. Since the program launched in 2014, more than 2,300 employers have requested veteran resumes.

For the veteran community, veterans and military spouses can access free, one-on-one personal coaching for their job search at any of the 88 county OhioMeansJobs Centers. The new 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 applications for military members and their spouses.
- **Free College Credit for Military Experience** – Ohio's 37 public colleges and universities are trained to recognize military training and experience and translate it into FREE college credits.
- **Military Friendly Employers** – Find more than 2,080 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 local, state and federal veterans benefits.

Ohio's 37 public colleges and universities are building a system to better apply military training, experience, and course work toward free college credit. More than 120 Military Transfer Assurance Guides (MTAG) have been established since the beginning of 2015. To see what military courses have been evaluated, visit the [Ohio Transfer to Degree Guarantee](#)

The bottom line: 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.

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS) works to actively identify, connect with, and advocate for veterans and their families. Ohio law gives the department the responsibility to partner with county veteran service commissions and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, in order to "serve those who have served."

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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 2,080 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

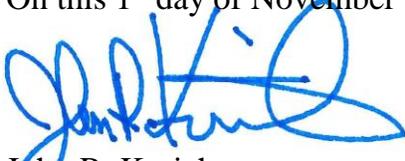
WHEREAS, we owe a debt of gratitude to all veterans and we thank them for exemplifying the highest traditions of patriotism for all Americans.

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

HIRE A VETERAN MONTH

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 2016;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

