

**As Reported by the Senate Government Oversight and Reform
Committee**

**136th General Assembly
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S. R. No. 271

**Senators Weinstein, Lang
Cosponsors: Senators Brenner, Johnson**

A RESOLUTION

To support the United States of Kindness initiative to 1
honor our nation's 250th birthday by performing 250 2
acts of kindness. 3

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, The Values-in-Action Foundation established the 4
Kindland initiative to bring together communities, businesses, 5
organizations, and schools by recognizing and sharing the acts 6
of kindness in an effort to inspire a ground swell of positivity 7
and goodness; and 8

WHEREAS, The Kindland initiative was established in Ohio in 9
1994 with an emphasis on Northeast Ohio, Central Ohio, Southeast 10
Ohio, and the Greater Cincinnati area; and 11

WHEREAS, The Kindland initiative has grown into a national 12
movement having served 8,000 schools and trained 2.8 million 13
students in all 50 states; and 14

WHEREAS, Kindland's results in schools show that kindness 15
improves learning, invigorates students' mental health and sense 16
of belonging, reduces absenteeism, and diminishes violence; and 17

WHEREAS, Kindness is proven to increase happiness, improve 18
wellness, and reduce anxiety and depression; and 19

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WHEREAS, Kindness is in Ohio's DNA, from the support of the 20
Underground Railroad, to the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous 21
and United Way, to the everyday act of neighbors helping 22
neighbors; and 23

WHEREAS, Kindland is honoring our nation's 250th birthday 24
by creating the National United States of Kindness initiative, 25
encouraging all Americans to perform 250 acts of kindness to 26
honor our nation's past and invigorate our nation's future; and 27

WHEREAS, The United States of Kindness begins April 24th, 28
with exactly 250 days left in the calendar year; and 29

WHEREAS, Often in our history, as Ohio leads our nation 30
follows; and 31

WHEREAS, Bringing Americans together and building a kind 32
land is the gift that Ohio can give the nation; now therefore be 33
it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th 35
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, encourage the members of 36
the General Assembly to perform one act of kindness a day, 37
however small or large, from April 25th through December 31; and 38
be it further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 40
authenticated copies of this resolution to the news media of 41
Ohio. 42