

**WHEREAS** it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance;

WHEREAS, serious social problems concern our nation and threaten its future; and

WHEREAS, connecting with others and working together through volunteer service can bridge the differences that separate people and help solve serious social problems; and

WHEREAS, we, the American people, have a tradition of philanthropy and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, millions of self-sacrificing individuals have touched and enhanced the lives of countless people on the ninth annual day of doing good by giving where there was a need, rebuilding what had been torn down, teaching where there was a desire to learn and inspiring those who had lost hope; and

WHEREAS, volunteer service is an investment in the future we all must share; and

WHEREAS, Make a Difference Day will be celebrated in Westerville on Saturday, October 26, 2013 and volunteers are needed to assist in sprucing up the Boyer Nature Preserve, which will include planting and the removal of invasive tree and shrub species; and

WHEREAS, USA WEEKEND magazine and its affiliate newspapers, The Points of Light Foundation and its affiliate volunteer centers have joined to promote an annual national day of doing good that celebrates and strengthens the spirit of volunteer service.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 26, 2013 as

***“Make A Difference Day”***

in Westerville, and urge my fellow citizens to observe this day by connecting with friends, fellow employees and relatives and with religious, school and civic groups to engage in projects benefiting their community.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 15th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

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Kathleen Cocuzzi  
Mayor

