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#### REACTIONS TO THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT NIXON

Following are statements issued by various Ohio political figures on the resignation of President Nixon and the elevation of Vice President Gerald Ford to the presidency.

**Governor John J. Gilligan:** The resignation of President Nixon marks the end of a tragic and harrowing period in the political history of our nation. But there is little to be gained now by dwelling on the circumstances that have led us to this historic moment. One era has ended, and a new era is beginning--an era in which each American will have a role in restoring faith in our system of government. All of us--particularly those of us in public office--have a special obligation to work a little harder as we turn our attention to the problems facing us, and to the responsibility of serving honestly and faithfully the people of our nation.

**James A. Rhodes,** Republican candidate for governor: The crisis of power in the American political system has been resolved. Its resolution is a reaffirmation of the wisdom of the men who established our federal republic. The system works. The system is strong because power rests with the people. Our new President is splendidly qualified to carry out the difficult task with which he is confronted. I am certain that he will work in harmony with the Congress of the United States to stabilize our economy and get American moving again.

**Kent McGough,** Republican state chairman: This is indeed a very dark and difficult day for Americans that the President should have felt the necessity to resign. However, I believe that our country is fortunate that we have the system available for an orderly transition of the Presidency from one person to another. Further, it is my judgment that we are most fortunate to have a man like Vice President Ford to succeed to the high office of the Presidency. No man in America has a greater background in our government and certainly no one exemplifies the attributes of decency, honesty and forthrightness more than Vice President Ford. I believe that all America will unite behind him as he provides the leadership to return our government to all of the important issues at hand. One of the marks of the Nixon Administration was its unusual success in foreign policy. I am sure that these policies and plans will be continued by Vice President Ford. I believe he can provide leadership and policies needed in our domestic affairs. The Republican Party of Ohio has been fortunate to have the Vice President as our guest many times in this state during the past several years and we pledge our complete support to him as he moves forward in the important role as President.

**John Glenn,** Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate: Ours is a rarity in the history of nations. A country where no individual is above the law. The wheels of justice have ground slowly but events of the past year have led to the first

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presidential resignation in our history. It is important now--and I hope our new President, Gerald Ford, agrees--that despite Mr. Nixon's resignation we must assess every scrap of evidence relating to the traumatic revelations of the past year to insure that in the future no individuals, perhaps better organized, can come close to subverting the power centers of our government. At this time of national anguish we must all make every effort to smooth the transition of power to Mr. Ford. In past times of crisis our people have willingly shown a spirit of unity and devotion to the nation's best interests. Working with our new President, Mr. Ford, we can begin to face and to solve our immediate problems here and abroad. Of equal importance, we must begin to plan for the future of our nation.

STATE EPA SCHEDULES HEARINGS ON REVISED WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has scheduled public hearings this month in Columbus, Cleveland, and Toledo on proposed revisions and additions to both the Lake Erie and the general water quality standard regulations.

The proposed revisions and additions will establish specific standards and alter certain existing standards for effluents such as phenols, phosphorus, copper, and zinc to bring state regulations into conformity with federal recommendations for more specific toxicity limits.

Ira Whitman, EPA director, said the proposed new standards will improve the overall quality of water in Lake Erie and other state streams for recreational purposes as well as providing better conditions for fish and other aquatic life.

The former state phenols standard would be reduced to 1/10th of its original limit. Mr. Whitman said concentrations of phenolic substances have been found to cause tainting in fish and to alter the taste and odor of fish.

Copper and zinc act as a poison to fish and other aquatic life and are especially deadly when combined. Since the substances dissolve more readily in soft water than in hard water, Mr. Whitman said the proposed new regulations will take into consideration the hardness of the receiving body of water and limits will be raised or lowered accordingly.

The proposed new standard for phosphorus is intended to control the growth of algae, which effects the taste and odor of water and may upset the ecological balance of a lake or stream by drawing out oxygen as it decays.

Mr. Whitman said the new regulations will also divide Lake Erie into five general segments and different effluent limits will be proposed for each segment. The limits, he said, will take into account such factors as water temperature, seasons, and the location of the segments in relation to the point of the discharges.

Five additional cold water fisheries streams would also be established by the new regulations. The proposed streams are Medway Creek in Clark County, Cedar Run in Clark and Champaign Counties, Moore Run in Clark and Champaign County, and Beaver Creek in Clark County, and portions of Buck Creek in Champaign County.

Hearings on the regulations will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, August 19, in the  
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