

John R. Kasich Governor of said State

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, on the tenth of August, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Eight, in the Court of Common Pleas held in and for the County of Hamilton, Raymond Tibbets was convicted of the crimes of Aggravated Murder with specifications (three counts), Murder, and Aggravated Robbery, and sentenced by said Court to death, life imprisonment without the possibility of parole, and ten years imprisonment, respectively, on the twenty-seventh of August, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Eight in the Court of Common Pleas held in and for the County of Hamilton; and

Whereas, Raymond Tibbetts #A363-178 is currently incarcerated in the custody of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction in the Chillicothe Correctional Institution under a sentence of death; and

Whereas, an execution date for said inmate has been set for October 17, 2018, and has not been stayed by any court; and

Whereas, the Parole Board by a vote of eleven to one (11-1), with twelve members participating, recommended against granting clemency to Raymond Tibbetts in the form of a commutation to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole; and

Whereas, the Parole held a second clemency hearing at my request, and by a vote of eight to one (8-1), with nine members participating, again recommended against granting clemency; and

Whereas, after consideration of all relevant factors, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, have concluded that a commutation of the death sentence of Raymond Tibbetts is warranted.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and laws of this State, I do hereby direct that the death sentence of Raymond Tibbetts be commuted to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 19th day of July, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

John R. Kasich, Governor