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## OHIO GOVERNOR JOHN KASICH TO PUBLISH NEW BOOK TWO PATHS: AMERICA DIVIDED OR UNITED Published by Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press on April 25, 2017

NEW YORK, NY – Tuesday, January 31, 2017 – It was announced today that Ohio Governor John Kasich will publish a new book entitled **TWO PATHS: America Divided or United** with the Thomas Dunne Books imprint of St. Martin's Press on April 25, 2017. World publishing rights were acquired by Thomas Dunne, with Stephen S. Power editing, from Jenny Bent at The Bent Agency, who represented the author. The book will be available in hardcover, ebook, and audio (read by the author).

As the last traditional Republican standing in the 2016 Presidential race, Governor John Kasich was the only candidate who was once a Fox News host and endorsed by *The New York Times*. Kasich distinguished himself by remaining above the fray as the campaign rhetoric and coverage reached unprecedented new lows, witnessing first-hand how "the tone and tenor of our political discourse has become deeply troubling – and hardly Presidential." Kasich's goal in writing the book is to consider how these strange times have come about, and how to set things right.

In TWO PATHS, Kasich recounts his political career, how faith guides his personal and political life, and considers lessons from the historic Presidential campaign. He takes aim at news media bias and the constant race for ratings, gerrymandering and redrawing of voting districts, ramifications of living in a *post-truth* environment, the proliferation of "fake news," and the danger of political leaders telling constituents only what they want to hear whether it's true or not. Yet Kasich also describes the hope he found while campaigning across the country. And just as Kasich refused to take the low road to the highest office, he shows how by coming together as Americans we can prevent the negative tone of the last election from trumping our patriotism.

Kasich writes, "There's a disconnect at play here and it troubles me. Perhaps it troubles you. Maybe like me you've become frustrated at the tone of our national conversation. How did this happen? When did this happen? And, what are we going to do about it?" He goes on to say, "We've got to recognize that the very real problems facing this country cannot be ignored. We cannot be confused or distracted by bitterness and rancor. We cannot allow exclusion to take the place of inclusion. We cannot accept distorted truths and half-baked notions simply because they make us feel good -- or, because they make us forget for a moment how we really feel. We must hold fast to our principles as a society, because without them we're lost. The way forward is to focus on our shared moral compass -- the one that points us to honesty, integrity, personal responsibility, faith, humility, compassion, forgiveness, tolerance – that will get us back on track."

Kasich has seen first-hand the challenges that have brought us to this fork in the road of American history, and he is uniquely qualified to answer the key question of our times: will America be divided...or united?

John Kasich is a former U.S. presidential candidate and the 69th Governor of Ohio, the 7th largest state in the United States of America. He was the last Republican candidate in the race for his party's nomination against Donald Trump. Governor Kasich finished the race as the most popular Republican politician in the country according to public polling.

In Ohio, the ultimate swing state, he was reelected by a 30-point margin after working with his fellow Ohioans to turn an \$8 billion shortfall into a \$2 billion surplus, cut taxes \$5 billion and make Ohio one of the top job-creating states in the nation.

Kasich is the author of three *New York Times* bestselling books: Courage is Contagious; Stand for Something: The Battle for America's Soul; and Every Other Monday, which was published in 2010 and focuses on the importance of faith in making both everyday choices and life-changing decisions.

Prior to serving as Ohio's governor, John Kasich served on the Armed Services Committee as U.S. Congressman and was the architect of the last balanced budget for the United States' federal government. He also had a successful career as an investment banker.

The governor is originally from McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, a blue-collar town outside Pittsburgh where his father delivered mail for 30 years. He and his wife Karen have twin teenage daughters.

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