

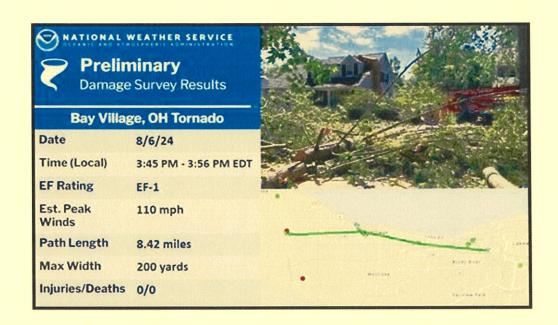
PROCLAMATION OF PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

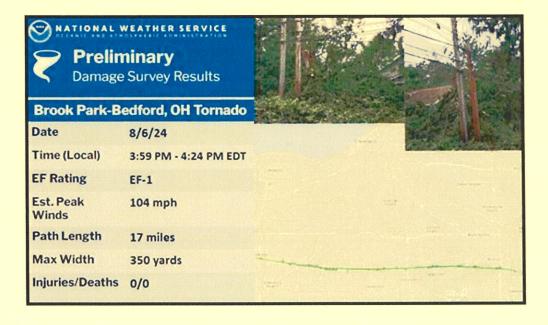
WHEREAS, on August 6, 2024, a severe weather system swept through the state of Ohio that included instances of tornadic activity and severe thunderstorms; and

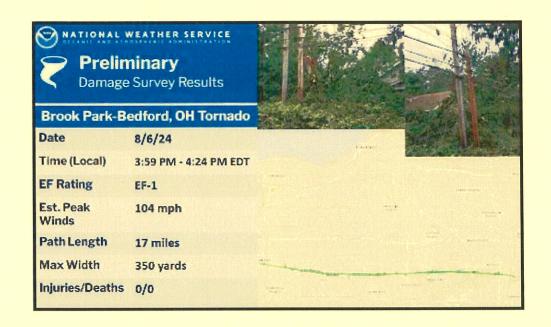
WHEREAS, in response to this activity and in accordance with the State's Emergency Operations Plan, the State Emergency Operations Center moved to assessment and monitoring on the evening of August 6, 2024, in order to assess and monitor ongoing events and share information with local jurisdictions for the purposes of providing support and coordinating any state response if needed; and

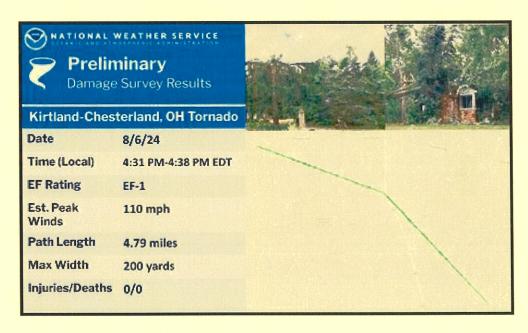
WHEREAS, the National Weather Service (NWS) has confirmed that four EF-1 tornados touched down in the following areas: Bay Village, Brook Park and Bedford, Richfield and Boston, and Kirtland and Chesterland. The NWS also confirmed a Macroburst occurred across a broad area in Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga Counties, causing straight line winds of 70-90 mph, with small pockets reaching 100 mph; and

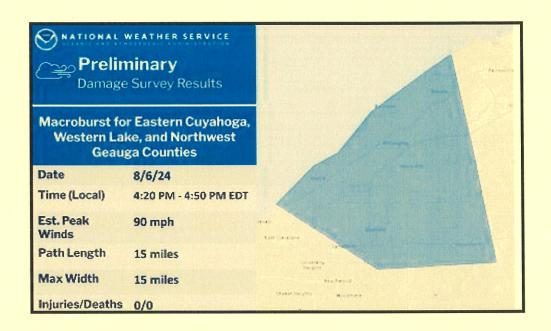
WHEREAS, a significant number of power outages are being reported in Northeast Ohio, particularly in the counties of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Portage, Summit and Trumbull; and

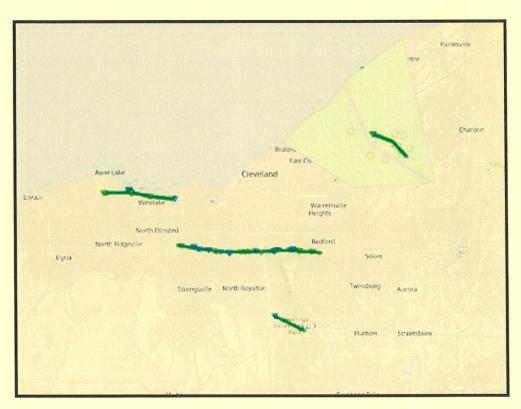












WHEREAS, local damage assessment is ongoing, and the State and its local partners continue to coordinate the sharing and dissemination of information amongst one another to identify community and individual needs in order to provide assistance to the most vulnerable, as well as, to ensure the public receives timely and accurate information; and

WHEREAS, the state is prepared to provide assistance with recovery efforts and prepared to prevent and respond to any secondary impacts that may result from prolonged power outages if needed and requested by local authorities; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Constitution Article III Section 5 "[t]he supreme executive power of this state shall be vested in the governor" and pursuant to Section 6 the Governor "...shall see that the laws are faithfully executed."; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code sections 5502.22 and 5502.28, this Proclamation is necessary to authorize previously alerted State departments and agencies to prepare and respond as needed to the demands and needs of Ohio residents that may arise as a result of this severe weather event if needed and requested by local authorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, on August 9th, 2024, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the United States, specifically the implied police powers of the Tenth Amendment, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, Article III, Section 5, and the laws of this State, ORDER and AUTHORIZE all State departments and agencies to be at the ready and to utilize their personnel and resources as necessary to protect the lives, safety, health, and property of the citizens of Ohio and to assist with recovery efforts in communities impacted by this severe weather event if needed and requested by local authorities.

FURTHER, as set forth in sections 5502.22 and 5502.28 of the Revised Code, the Executive Director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency shall coordinate all activities for preparedness and response within the state, and all State departments and agencies are ordered to cooperate and extend and utilize resources upon request of the Executive Director.

FURTHER, this Proclamation does not require the implementation of the Department of Administrative Services Directive HR-D-11 or the Department of Administrative Services' "Weather (Public Safety) Procedure." Accordingly, state employees' obligation to travel to and from work is not to be limited as a result of this proclamation.

FURTHER, this Proclamation took effect immediately and it shall remain in full force and effect until such time to be determined by the Executive Director of the Emergency Management Agency in consultation with the Governor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have

hereunto subscribed my name, on the 9th day

of August, 2024. De Wine

MIKE DEWINE

Governor

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