



MIKE DEWINE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2024, the remnants of Hurricane Helene swept through the State of Ohio. The rainfall amounts and high winds resulted in flooding, power outages, and downed trees impacting roadways and residential structures. Storm debris from the floods and high winds continue to impact residences and public roadways; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the State's Emergency Operations Plan, the State through its emergency operations center and regional representatives has been engaged with the impacted counties to assess needs and provide assistance when needed; and

WHEREAS, the state has determined the impacts from this event are affecting the life, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Ohio, particularly in Lawrence, Jackson, Pike, and Scioto counties, all of whom have declared or are in the process of declaring a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, available local resources are exhausted, and ongoing services will be necessary from State departments and agencies to assist the impacted counties in alleviating the consequences of this incident as it moves into the recovery phase; 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.

NOW THEREFORE, on October 2, 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 declare that due to the damaging and dangerous conditions resulting from flooding and high winds, a state of emergency and disaster exists for Lawrence, Jackson, Pike, and Scioto counties. I hereby direct all State departments and agencies to lend their services, equipment, supplies, and personnel as necessary to assist in the response and recovery effort from these events.

FURTHER, I direct the Ohio Emergency Management Agency to coordinate the State and any needed federal response to assist in protecting the lives, safety, health, and property of the citizens of Ohio.

FURTHER, I hereby direct the Department of Administrative Services and other departments and agencies of the State to suspend purchasing and contracting requirements contained in Chapters 125 and 153 of the Revised Code, pursuant to Section 125.061 of the Revised Code, during the period of the emergency for the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and any other State agency participating in emergency assistance under this declaration, in order to procure any necessary resources or supplies to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the above listed counties and any other counties that subsequently declare a state of emergency due to the above described event.

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 shall take effect immediately and shall remain in place for ninety days unless modified or terminated by my order. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 107.42, this Proclamation shall terminate ninety days from the date of this order, unless otherwise extended by division of (C) of Revised Code section 107.42.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto subscribed my name at Columbus,
Ohio, on the 2nd day of October 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeWine". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

MIKE DEWINE
Governor