



**MIKE DEWINE**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, a massive and catastrophic fire occurred in the early morning hours of November 1, 2024, under the I-471 “Daniel Carter Beard” bridge which has created dangerous conditions and damages which have affected the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Hamilton County Ohio and the Tri-State area of Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, a fire of unknown cause broke out at the Sawyer Point Park that wrapped around parts of the bridge and immediately spread to the playground equipment and materials which fueled the fire causing heat to reach temperatures estimated to be into the thousands of degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire and heat spread to the bridge severely damaging the southbound supporting girders, the bridge deck, and supporting structures which are compromised to the point of possible failure; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio wishes to recover inspection and repair related expenses from the Federal Emergency Relief Program pursuant to 23 USC 125 and 23 CFR 668 for the repair of the Federal Aid Highway System; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public safety and convenience, it is proposed that repairs be performed by contract method, and that ODOT can enter into these contracts. Any damage claims to the Federal Aid Highway System must be made through ODOT; and

**WHEREAS**, using these methods, the work is estimated to take months to complete. To the extent possible, this work commenced on November 1, 2024, which will be the beginning of the Federal funding time period.

**NOW THEREFORE**, 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 do declare an emergency in Hamilton County and authorize Pamela Boratyn, Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation, to proceed forth with necessary corrective work in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

**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 or unless otherwise extended by division (C) of Revised Code section 107.42. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 107.42, this Proclamation shall terminate ninety days from the date of this order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto subscribed my name at Columbus,  
Ohio, on the 6th day of November 2024.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeWine".

Mike DeWine  
Governor, State of Ohio