



MIKE DEWINE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, beginning the evening of November 28, 2024, a winter weather system producing large accumulations of lake-effect snow moved into northeast Ohio. This weather system is expected to continue impacting the region through Friday December 6, 2024. Snow accumulation totals continue to rise, particularly in Ashtabula and Lake counties, and a winter storm warning remains in effect for Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lake counties. In addition to snow accumulation creating hazardous road conditions, multiple hazards are anticipated in the coming days, including snow squalls and wind gusts of 40+ mph with potential gales across Lake Erie; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the State's Emergency Operations Plan, the State, through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and its regional representatives, has been engaged with the impacted counties to assess needs and provide assistance from the outset of this event; and

WHEREAS, the state has deployed Ohio Department of Transportation resources to local communities based on need to assist with snow and ice removal; and

WHEREAS, the state, through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, continues to engage with local jurisdictions to assess current needs, share information, and begin planning for recovery operations; and

WHEREAS, this event is ongoing and the state is prepared to continue to provide assistance with response efforts in order to protect the life, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Ohio, particularly in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lake counties; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that state resources and support will be necessary from State departments and agencies to assist the impacted counties with response efforts; 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, December 3, 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 this winter weather system, a state of emergency and disaster exists for Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lake 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.

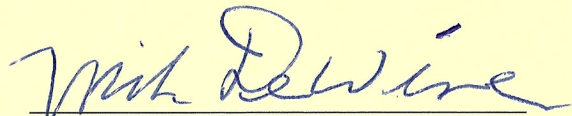
FURTHER, I hereby direct the Ohio Department of Administrative Services and other departments and agencies of the State to suspend purchasing and contracting requirements contained in Chapters 125 and 153 of the Revised Code, pursuant to Section 125.061 of the Revised Code, during the period of the emergency 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. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 107.42, it shall remain in full force and effect for 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 3rd day of December, 2024.


MIKE DEWINE
Governor