



MIKE DEWINE

GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, beginning on July 5, 2026, severe storms with heavy rainfall and strong winds moved through the State of Ohio resulting in extensive wind damage through Mahoning County. Downed trees and power lines have caused a significant number of power outages and are blocking public roadways, making travel and power restoration difficult; and

WHEREAS, local officials have taken actions to preserve the life, health, and safety of impacted individuals and property, and Mahoning County declared a state of emergency on July 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and its regional representatives are engaged with Mahoning County to assess needs and provide assistance as needed; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Ohio to assist State and local authorities by having all State departments and agencies be at the ready and prepared to utilize their personnel and resources as necessary to protect the lives, safety, health, and property of the citizens of Mahoning County and all those traveling to or through the Mahoning County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has determined that the severe wind damage from this storm reasonably impact the life, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Mahoning County; and

WHEREAS, it is foreseeable that a reasonable possibility exists that available local resources will be exhausted, and ongoing services will be necessary from State departments and agencies to assist in alleviating the consequences of this storm; 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 July 6, 2026, 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 damage and dangerous conditions resulting from severe storms and wind, a state of emergency exists for Mahoning County. I hereby direct all State departments and agencies to as necessary and appropriate and within reason lend their services, equipment, supplies, and personnel 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 and to assist as necessary and appropriate in protecting the lives, safety, health, and property of the citizens of Ohio.

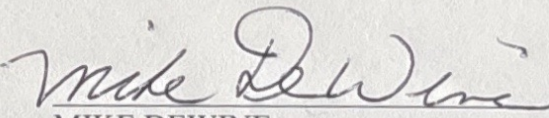
FURTHER, I hereby direct the Department of Administrative Services and other departments and agencies of the State to suspend purchasing and contracting requirements contained in Chapters 125 and 153 of the Revised Code, pursuant to Section 125.061 of the Revised Code, during the period of the emergency 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. 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 or terminated by me or my designee earlier.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto subscribed my name at Columbus,
Ohio, on the 6th day of July, 2026.


MIKE DEWINE
Governor