

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Ohio is authorized to call upon the Ohio National Guard to assist him in seeing that the laws of this State are faithfully executed and to assist state and local authorities with protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, the safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Ohio are dependent upon a secure State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety has requested assistance from the Ohio National Guard; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Ohio to assist the Department of Public Safety and local authorities in State Capitol operations and to protect the State, its citizens, and public buildings and property from any potential civil unrest in greater Columbus, and other communities across the state, after the unprecedented riots and assault on the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. and planned protests in connection with these events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, pursuant to Article IX, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Section 5923.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby authorize as needed, in state active duty status, those personnel and units of the Ohio National Guard, as designated by the Adjutant General, that are needed to assist the state and local authorities. Pursuant to Section 5923.23 of the Revised Code, those Ohio National Guard units and personnel will assist state and local civil authorities in conducting operations as requested by them but at all times will act only pursuant to the orders issued on my behalf by the Adjutant General, and through him, by the commanding officers of the units and personnel deployed by the Adjutant General. The Adjutant General shall provide for all transportation, services, equipment, and supplies necessary for the designated units or personnel of the Ohio National Guard.

This Proclamation was issued on January 14, 2021 and took effect immediately. It will remain in full force and effect until such time as the assistance to State and Local Government authorities is complete, as determined by the Adjutant General, in consultation with the Director of Public Safety, who will coordinate state response efforts and terminate this Proclamation upon the recommendation of appropriate officials of the Ohio National Guard and the supported State and Local Agencies and at my direction as Governor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name at Columbus, Ohio, on the 14th day of January, 2021.

Mike DeWine Governor