



**MIKE DEWINE**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, on February 11, 2021, an ice and snow event came through Ohio resulting in power outages. This winter weather event was then followed by severe winter ice storm that moved through Ohio beginning on Sunday February 14, 2021, and lasting through Monday February 15, 2021 and caused significant tree and power line damage;

**WHEREAS** currently the most severe damage is understood to have occurred in Gallia and Lawrence County and those counties declared a state of emergency on February 18, 2021 and February 16, 2021 respectively and now require the assistance of the State for the removal of snow, ice, and debris and it is in the best interests of the State of Ohio, Gallia and Lawrence Counties, and its citizens to aid the civil authorities in those counties with the recovery efforts there;

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio National Guard, under the command of The Adjutant General, has been requested by Gallia and Lawrence Counties to aid them in their response to the state of emergencies occurring therein as a result of this severe winter storm.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, hereby authorize as needed, in a state active-duty status, those personnel and units of the Ohio National Guard as designated by The Adjutant General, pursuant to Section 5923.21 of the Ohio Revised Code. Those units and personnel will act pursuant to the orders issued on my behalf by The Adjutant General, and through him, the commanding officers to take whatever actions are necessary to assist Gallia and Lawrence Counties and the agencies and departments thereof to protect and promote the life, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Ohio and aid in the recovery from severe winter weather occurring on February 14 and continuing through February 15, 2021. 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 February 19, 2021 and takes effect immediately. It will remain in full force and effect until the recovery assistance is complete as determined by the Adjutant General, in consultation with the Governor, who will coordinate state response efforts and terminate this Proclamation upon the recommendation of the such time to be determined by the Executive Director of the Emergency Management Agency, who will coordinate state response efforts and terminate the emergency upon the recommendation of appropriate officials of the other responding state department/ agencies and the impacted local governments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
subscribed my name at Columbus, Ohio, on  
the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.



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Mike DeWine  
Governor, State of Ohio