



**MIKE DEWINE**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO

## AMENDED 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

**WHEREAS**, work crews were already working to clear roads and restore power when the second severe winter ice storm hit, further impacting icy roads and increasing the amount of downed trees and widespread power outages. The impact of these events is affecting the life, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Ohio, particularly in Lawrence and Gallia Counties where ice, snow, and debris on the roadways are impeding the ability to restore utilities and access emergency services, including the loss of power at a local water treatment plant in Lawrence County; and

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence County declared a state of emergency on February 16, 2021, and Gallia County declared a state of emergency on February 18, 2021. Both counties are in need of services from State departments and agencies to assist in alleviating the consequences of this incident, as they have exhausted all available local resources; 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 February 19, 2021, 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 a state of emergency exists for Lawrence and Gallia Counties due to dangerous and damaging conditions resulting from this severe winter ice storm, justifying the authorization of personnel of State departments and agencies as are necessary, to coordinate the State and federal response and to assist in protecting the lives, safety, health, and property of the citizens of Ohio.

**FURTHER**, I hereby request 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 takes effect immediately and shall supersede the Proclamation issued by me on February 17, 2021, and it shall remain in full force and effect until the emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the Executive Director of the Emergency Management Agency in consultation with the Governor, who will coordinate State response efforts and terminate the emergency upon the recommendation of appropriate officials of the other responding State department/ agencies.

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



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MIKE DEWINE  
Governor