



MIKE DEWINE

GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2022, a severe weather event, including thunderstorms, high winds, and three confirmed tornados, came through Ohio resulting in power outages and damages to homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these events is affecting the life, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Ohio, particularly in Brown and Clermont Counties, where debris in the public right-of-way is creating risks of flooding and impeding the ability to provide public service support to residents impacted by the storms and the ability to make temporary and permanent repairs to utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County declared a state of emergency on July 7, 2022, in order to protect the lives and property of its residents, thereby, activating all local inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans; and

WHEREAS, both Brown and Clermont 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 July 13, 2022, 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 Brown and Clermont Counties due to dangerous and damaging conditions resulting from severe thunderstorms and tornados, 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.

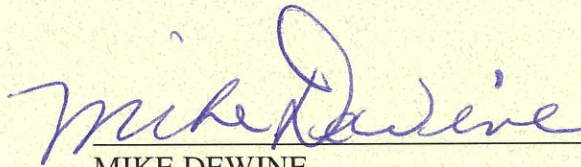
FURTHER, I hereby request the Department of Administrative Services and other departments and agencies of the State to suspend purchasing and contracting requirements contained in Chapters 125 and 153 of the Revised Code, pursuant to Section 125.061 of the Revised Code, during the period of the emergency 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 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.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto subscribed my name at Columbus,
Ohio, on the 13th day of July, 2022.


MIKE DEWINE
Governor