

STATE OF OHIO

Executive Department

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IN RECOGNITION OF **Winter Safety Awareness Week** **November 15-21, 2009**

This winter, not only is there potential for severe weather such as freezing rain, ice storms, severe snow storms and winter flooding, but there is also the serious threat of influenza and the H1N1 virus. Ohioans need to be prepared for any type of situation, whether it is health or weather-related.

Ohioans should get ready for winter by insulating their homes; updating their flood insurance policies; stocking up on food, water and essential supplies; investing in alternative heat sources and generators; preparing emergency supply kits for homes and vehicles; dressing appropriately for cold weather, getting vaccines to protect themselves from influenza viruses; and following normal preventive health practices such as washing their hands with soap and water, covering the nose and mouth with a tissue when sneezing and staying away from people who are sick.

In a coordinated effort with the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness to help raise awareness and preparedness for severe winter weather and other important considerations for the winter season, I, Ted Strickland, Governor of Ohio, do hereby recognize

November 15-21, 2009 as Winter Safety Awareness Week

I call upon all state and local governments, emergency workers, educators and the media to inform and educate all Ohio citizens about actions they can take to prepare for, respond to and recover from severe winter weather events. I also encourage Ohioans to take the time now – before winter hits – to use the resources available to prepare themselves, their family, neighbors, homes and properties for the upcoming winter months.

On this 15th day of November 2009,



Ted Strickland
Governor