

STATE OF OHIO

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IN RECOGNITION OF
Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week
March 21-27, 2010

This spring, Ohioans not only need to plan and prepare for severe weather such as thunder and lightning storms, floods and tornadoes, but they need to continue to guard and protect themselves from seasonal influenza and the H1N1 virus. Springtime is the peak time for seasonal influenza.

The H1N1 vaccine has been available to the general public since early December. It is important to receive both the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccinations. Inoculation is the best defense against the flu.

Everyone, young and old, should know what to do and where to go, should inclement weather occur. Every household, school and business should have up-to-date emergency plans for any incident that can occur, and practice safety drills on a monthly basis.

In a coordinated effort with the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness to help raise awareness and preparedness for spring and summer severe weather, **I, Ted Strickland, Governor of Ohio, do hereby recognize**

March 21-27, 2010 as Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week

I call upon all state and local governments, emergency managers, educators and the media to inform and educate all Ohio citizens on actions they can take to prepare for, respond to and recover from severe weather events. I also encourage all Ohioans to update their emergency plans and practice their safety drills during the annual Statewide Tornado Drill scheduled for Wednesday, March 24 at 9:50 a.m.

On this 21st day of March 2010,



Ted Strickland
Governor