STATE OF OHIO

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Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ohioans face the annual spring threat of severe weather such as tornadoes, flooding, flash floods and thunderstorms; and

WHEREAS, NOAA and FEMA's Ready campaigns are encouraging all Americans to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards, including severe weather during National Severe Weather Preparedness Week; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all components of state and local government, organizations and businesses promote emergency safety and preparedness practices to all Ohioans to help protect lives, reduce injuries and property damages, and to strengthen readiness and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness and ReadyOhio are committed to educating the public on actions to take before, during and after inclement weather and other emergencies that typically impact Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's news media is an advocate of promoting public education of severe weather forecasts, weather terms and severe weather safety; and

WHEREAS, through a coordinated effort with the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness and ReadyOhio, citizens prepare emergency and communications plans, organize disaster kits and practice safety drills to better protect themselves from spring and summer weather hazards and home emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize March 2-8, 2014 as

SPRING SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

throughout Ohio, and call upon state and local governments, emergency managers, educators and the media to assist OCSWA and ReadyOhio in informing Ohioans on the safety measures needed before disaster strikes. We also encourage Ohioans to practice their safety plans and drills during the Annual Statewide Tornado Drill, scheduled for Wednesday, March 5th at 9:50 a.m.

On this 2nd day of March, 2014;

John R. Kasich
Governor

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor