



**WHEREAS**, "Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week" provides the opportunity for Ohioans to prepare their homes, schools, businesses and organizations for the spring and summer months of potential severe weather and conditions associated with it, such as thunder and lightning storms, flooding/flash flooding from heavy rains, tornadoes and extreme heat; and

**WHEREAS**, National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration and Federal Emergency Management Administration's Ready campaigns are encouraging all Americans to mitigate, prepare for, protect against, respond to and recover from all hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all state entities provide emergency safety and preparedness information 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, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize March 17-23, 2019 as

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throughout Ohio and encourage state agencies, 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:50 a.m.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019;

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor