



In the Name and by the Authority of

# THE STATE OF OHIO



*WHEREAS*, “Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week” provides the opportunity for Ohioans to prepare their homes, businesses, and organizations for the upcoming months of potential severe spring weather and conditions associated with it, such as flooding and flash flooding caused by rapid snow melts or heavy rain; strong wind events or tornadoes; thunder and lightning storms; power outages; and contagious or infectious diseases such as common colds, influenza, or the coronavirus (COVID-19) that can result in serious illness or death; and

*WHEREAS*, Ohioans can prepare for the hardships of severe weather by ensuring their disaster preparedness kits, emergency plans, and emergency contact lists are restocked and/or updated; testing their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, changing batteries as needed; reviewing their homeowners and flood insurance policies; purchasing NOAA Weather Radios; and ensuring medical prescriptions and vaccinations are current, including getting the COVID-19 vaccine when eligible; and

*WHEREAS*, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is committed to educating the public on severe weather safety and preparedness; and

*WHEREAS*, Ohio’s news media, state, and local governments, and educators continue their partnership to inform and educate Ohioans about actions they can take to prepare for, respond to, and recover from spring and summer hazards, to include home emergencies and actions to take to prevent the spread of contagious diseases such as influenza and COVID-19; and

*WHEREAS*, all Ohioans are encouraged to make severe weather safety and preparedness a priority and ensure that their homes, neighbors, and communities are ready for spring and summer severe weather incidents; and

*WHEREAS*, all Ohioans are encouraged to exercise their safety plans and drills during the Statewide Tornado Drill, scheduled for Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:50 a.m.

*NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio*, do hereby recognize March 21-27, 2021, as

## SPRING SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021;

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor