



In the Name and by the Authority of

# THE STATE OF OHIO



**WHEREAS**, “Winter Safety Awareness Week” provides the opportunity for Ohioans to prepare their homes, schools, businesses, and organizations for the upcoming months of potential severe winter weather and conditions associated with it such as snow and ice storms; flooding from rapid snow melts; extended power outages; and contagious or infectious diseases such as colds, influenza, or coronavirus – a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) virus that can result in serious illness or death; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohioans can prepare for the hardships of winter by updating their disaster preparedness kits, emergency plans and emergency contact lists; updating their flood insurance policies; purchasing NOAA Weather Radios; investing in alternative heating sources and portable generators; winterizing their vehicles; and ensuring medical prescriptions and vaccinations are current, including getting an annual flu shot; 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 severe winter weather events, to include 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 winter-related incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens are encouraged to review the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness website at [www.weathersafety.ohio.gov](http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov) and become more knowledgeable and prepared for weather events that impact our state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize November 15-21, 2020 as

## WINTER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

On this 6th day of November 2020,

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor