



In the Name and by the Authority of

# THE STATE OF OHIO



**WHEREAS**, “Severe Weather Awareness Week” provides Ohioans the opportunity to prepare their homes, schools, businesses, and organizations for potential severe weather and the conditions associated with it, such as flooding and flash flooding caused by rapid snow melting or heavy rain; strong winds or tornadoes; thunder and lightning; power outages; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohioans can prepare in advance for potential severe weather by ensuring their disaster preparedness kits, emergency plans, and emergency communications lists are updated; replacing batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, reviewing homeowners and flood insurance policies; having multiple methods available to receive emergency communications, including a NOAA All Hazards weather radio, Wireless Emergency Alerts, and local mass notifications systems as available; 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 mitigation actions they can take to prepare for, respond to, and recover from spring and summer hazards: and

**WHEREAS**, all Ohioans are encouraged to make severe weather safety and preparedness a priority and ensure their homes, schools, businesses, 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 20 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 17-23, 2024 as

## SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor