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OHIO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN PROMULGATION

The primary role of government is to provide for the welfare of its citizens and the welfare and safety of Ohio citizens is severely threatened during disasters. The goal of emergency management is to ensure that at the time of disasters, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery actions effectively function so that public welfare and safety is restored and preserved. The Ohio Emergency Operations Plan is an integral element of that emergency management effort.

The Ohio Emergency Operations Plan provides a comprehensive framework for statewide emergency management. It addresses the roles and responsibilities of state government organizations and provides a link to federal, local and private organizations and resources that may be activated to address disasters and emergencies in Ohio.

State agencies cooperate with the Ohio Department of Public Safety, through the Emergency Management Agency in an ongoing planning process that produces an effective framework for coordinating the delivery of state assistance to local governments. State agencies have demonstrated repeatedly that they can work together to achieve a common goal of efficient, timely and consistent disaster and recovery response.

The Ohio Emergency Operations Plan ensures consistency with current policy guidance and describes the interrelationship among levels of government. The Plan will continue to evolve, responding to lessons learned from actual disaster and emergency experiences, ongoing state planning efforts, training and exercise activities, and federal guidance. I am confident that it will serve as a basis for improving the coordination and strengthening of relationships among all of our emergency management partners on the state, federal, local and private levels and sectors.

Therefore, in recognition of the emergency management responsibilities of state government and with the authority vested in me as the Chief Executive Officer of the State of Ohio, I hereby promulgate the Ohio Emergency Operations Plan.

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Ted Strickland
Governor
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