

NEWS RELEASE



Governor Bob Taft

TAFT DECLARES EMERGENCY IN LAKE COUNTY FOR SEVERE WEATHER

COLUMBUS (July 28, 2006) – Governor Bob Taft today issued a proclamation of emergency in Lake County due to severe weather. The declaration came after Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Ken Morckel toured the area and discussed joint response efforts with local officials. Response efforts from local, state and federal agencies are ongoing as water levels in Lake County have surpassed the flood stage.

“Lake County residents are going to be facing a long recovery process,” Taft said. “State resources have been activated to assist local governments and the residents in response and recovery efforts. I would especially like to applaud the first responders who have been working through the night rescuing residents from rooftops.”

The Governor’s proclamation authorizes state resources to be used to assist local governments. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) coordinates state response and recovery efforts from the State Emergency Operations Center.

State agencies working to respond to the emergency along with Ohio EMA include the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Department of Transportation and the State Fire Marshal’s Office, a division of the Ohio Department of Commerce.

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