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Strickland Announces SBA Disaster Declaration, State Assistance Allocations for Northwest Ohio

Columbus, OH - Governor Ted Strickland announced today that the U.S. Small Business Administration has granted Ohio's request to issue a disaster declaration for Wood County and contiguous counties as a result of the June 5-6 tornadoes that caused extensive damage to homes and businesses and resulted in the loss of six lives.

Governor Strickland also announced that the state will begin allocation of the more than \$670,000 in State Supplemental Assistance for uninsured homeowners and renters for eligible real property and personal property damages, and uninsured funeral expenses.

"Northwest Ohio residents have suffered extensive loss of property and lives as the result of the June tornadoes," Strickland said. "While I am disappointed that we did not receive federal disaster individual or public assistance, this SBA declaration offers critical loans to residents and businesses, which, along with state assistance, can provide much-needed help to Northwest Ohioans as they make their way through this recovery process."

SBA Disaster Declaration:

An SBA declaration enables individuals and businesses in Wood County, as well as those in the contiguous counties who incurred uninsured losses as a result of the June tornadoes, to apply for long-term, low-interest disaster loans. Contiguous counties include: Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Putnam, Sandusky and Seneca.

Individuals and businesses may also apply for an SBA loan by calling 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), or by going online at www.sba.gov and clicking on the button labeled "Disaster Assistance."

State Supplemental Assistance:

Supplemental assistance will be available to uninsured residents who have first applied for and been denied, or determined ineligible, for a Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loan only if damages were incurred in the following specified areas: Lake Township in Wood County; Allen Township in Ottawa County; and Monclova and Swanton Townships in Lucas County.

State Supplemental Assistance will also be available to uninsured residents of Swancreek Township in Fulton County who have first applied to the 2010 Rebuild Ohio Tornado Relief (construction loan)

Program or other financial lending institutions. Fulton County is not contiguous to Wood County and therefore is not eligible for the SBA declaration.

Outreach Centers:

A SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center will open at Wood County's Lake Township Fire Station #2, 1911 Ayers Road in Millbury. Hours of operation are:

- August 6: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- August 7: 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- August 9-12: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

State representatives will also be at an independent center in Fulton County at the Swancreek Township Building, 5565 County Road "D", Delta, Ohio. Hours of operation are:

- August 10: 8:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m.
- August 11: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.