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Kasich Announces SBA Disaster Declaration, State Assistance for Clermont County

Columbus, OH - Governor John R. Kasich announced today that the U.S. Small Business Administration has granted Ohio's request to issue a disaster declaration for Clermont County and contiguous counties as a result of the March 2 tornadoes that resulted in the loss of three lives and caused extensive damage to homes and businesses.

Governor Kasich also announced that the state will begin allocation implementation of the State Individual Assistance Program for uninsured homeowners and renters for eligible real property and personal property damages, and uninsured funeral expenses.

"The residents of Clermont County have suffered a devastating loss of both life and property and we are doing everything we can to help," Kasich said. "While I am disappointed that we did not receive a Presidential disaster declaration, this SBA declaration offers critical loans to residents and businesses, which, along with state assistance, will provide much-needed help to residents of Clermont County as they work to rebuild their lives."

SBA Disaster Declaration:

An SBA declaration enables individuals and businesses in Clermont County and contiguous counties who incurred uninsured losses as a result of the early March tornadoes, to apply for long term, low-interest disaster loans.

Contiguous counties include: Brown, Clinton, Hamilton, Warren

Individuals and businesses may 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 Individual Assistance Program:

State 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: Clermont and Brown County.

Outreach Centers:

U.S. SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center
Washington Township Building
2238 State Route 756
Moscow, Ohio 45153

Opening: Friday, March 16, 2012
Hours: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 17, 2012
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Closed: Sunday, March 18, 2012

Days and hours: Monday – Thursday, March 19 – March 22, 2012
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Closing: Thursday, March 22, 2012 at close of business