



**MIKE DEWINE**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, significant weather events in February continuing into the spring, which began with mild temperatures and significant rains saturating the ground thoroughly, have created dangerous conditions and damages which have affected the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Adams, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Gallia, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Preble, Ross, Scioto, Tuscarawas, Vinton, Warren and Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued heavy rains on top of the saturated ground and thawed conditions resulted in significant damages to the Federal Aid Highway System, repairs will be made only to these said highways and the necessary repairs cannot be wholly accomplished by the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") maintenance forces; and

**WHEREAS**, to recover related expenses from the Federal Emergency Relief Program pursuant to 23 CFR 668 for the repair of the Federal Aid Highway System; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public safety and convenience, it is proposed to perform repairs by contract method or by ODOT maintenance forces where appropriate, and that only the ODOT can enter into these contracts in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration. Any damage claims to the Federal Aid Highway System must be made through the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, using these methods, the work can be completed in a minimum amount of time. To the extent possible, this work commenced on February 6, 2019, which will be the beginning of the Federal funding time period.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do declare an emergency in Adams, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Gallia, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Preble, Ross, Scioto, Tuscarawas, Vinton, Warren and Washington Counties and do authorize Jack Marchbanks, Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to proceed forth with the necessary corrective work in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto subscribed my name at Columbus, Ohio, on the 20 day of March, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeWine".

Mike DeWine  
Governor, State of Ohio