JOHN R. KASICH
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

June 30, 2012

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Through: Andrew Velasquez, II, Regional Administrator
FEMA Region V
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 501 (a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 CFR § 206.35, I request that you declare an emergency for the State of Ohio as a result of severe storms and high winds on June 29, 2012. This request is for all eighty eight counties within the State of Ohio.

In response to the situation I have taken appropriate action under State law and directed the execution of the State Emergency Plan on June 29, 2012 in accordance with Section 501 (a) of the Stafford Act. I declared a state of emergency for the entire state of Ohio on June 30, 2012.

Pursuant to 44 CFR § 206.35, I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and affected local governments, and that supplementary Federal assistance is necessary to save lives and to protect property, public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a disaster. I am specifically requesting emergency protective measures, distribution of emergency supplies and direct Federal Assistance.

Preliminary estimates of the types and amount of emergency assistance needed under the Stafford Act, and emergency assistance from certain Federal agencies under other statutory authorities are tabulated in Enclosure A.

**IMPACT**

On June 29, 2012, severe storms and high winds moved through the state of Ohio causing widespread power outages in seventy five of Ohio's eighty eight counties. The National Weather Service has issued excessive heat warnings and heat advisories for much of the state for the next several days. Full power restoration is not anticipated for 5-7 days. The duration until power can be restored coupled with the excessive heat is the basis for my request for an emergency declaration, including direct federal assistance for the purposes of providing generators, power generation teams and water.

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The following information is furnished on the nature and amount of State and local resources that have been or will be used to alleviate the conditions of this emergency.

As of 1:00 today, there are approximately 860,000 customer outages being reported by Duke, American Electric Power and Dayton Power and Light. In addition, the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives are reporting an additional 125,796 customer outages. A multi-day restoral time is projected for all of the utility companies. There are numerous critical facilities, such as water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants, hospitals and nursing homes that depend on power from these utility providers. These facilities have been running on generator power for upwards of 22 hours and are running low on fuel. Some facilities are in need of generators and have submitted mission assignment requests to the State Emergency Operations Center.

Cooling stations are operating throughout all of the affected area. Due to the widespread power outages, it has been difficult for some areas to find facilities for cooling centers because they too are out of power. There are currently three American Red Cross shelters open in the affected area. It is anticipated that the population at shelters and need for cooling centers will increase as the power outages continue and citizens are less capable of remaining safe from the heat.

The power outages are also disrupting communications across the state. Multi-Agency Regional Communication System (MARCS) towers are out in ten counties and several 911 centers and sheriff's office are without power and are running on generators.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (DOT) will have removed from the roadways all debris on their primary and secondary roads by the end of today and will begin disposal activities. The Ohio DOT and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are planning and preparing for debris missions as they are received. I have activated the Ohio National Guard to assist in response to this emergency.

I certify that for this emergency, the State and local governments will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property.

(a) All local generator resources are being exhausted and the state has no generator supply. Available water commodities will decrease as the power continues to be out. In addition, resources will likely decrease because neighboring states were impacted by this same event.

(b) A 54 pack of generators with a Type 3 Emergency Response Package and enough water for 500,000 people for three days.

In accordance with 44 CFR § 206.208, the State of Ohio agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance:

1. Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easement, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work.
2. Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work;
3. Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State Agreement; and
4. Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

I have designated Nancy J. Dragani as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. She will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in damage assessments and may provide further information or justification on my behalf.

Sincerely,

John R. Kasich
Governor

Enclosure

## ENCLOSURE A TO EMERGENCY REQUEST

(Estimated Requirements)

Estimated requirements for other Federal agency programs:

N/A

Totals: _____

Estimated Requirements for assistance under the Stafford Act:

| | AMOUNT |
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| Coordination | |
| Technical and advisory assistance | |
| Debris removal | |
| Emergency protective measures | $2,800,000 |
| Individuals and Households Program (IHP) | |
| Distribution of emergency supplies | $2,200,000 |
| Other (specify) | |
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| Totals: | $5,000,000 |
| Grand Total: | $5,000,000 |