

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

IN RECOGNITION OF  
**Winter Safety Awareness Week**  
November 14-20, 2010

With the winter season right around the corner, Ohioans need to prepare themselves for a variety of hazards that could adversely impact their homes: severe winter weather; extended power outages caused by winter storms; and prolonged illness caused by influenza or pneumonia.

Ohioans can get prepared for the hardships of winter by planning early and taking the following measures: insulate their homes; consider purchasing or updating their flood insurance policies; update their family emergency plans; establish a family contact list; stock up on food, water and essential supplies; prepare emergency supply kits for homes and vehicles; invest in alternative heat sources and generators; and get vaccinated to protect themselves and family members from influenza viruses.

In a coordinated effort with the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness to help raise awareness and encourage preparation for the winter season and all of its potential hazards, I, Ted Strickland, Governor of Ohio, do hereby recognize

**November 14-20, 2010 as Winter Safety Awareness Week**

I call upon all state and local governments, emergency workers, educators and the media to inform and educate all Ohio citizens about actions they can take to prepare for, respond to and recover from severe winter weather events. I also encourage Ohioans to take time now – before winter storms hit – to use the resources available to prepare their homes and properties, their families and neighbors, and their schools and business for the upcoming winter months.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010,



**Ted Strickland**  
Governor