WHEREAS, "Winter Safety Awareness Week" provides the opportunity for Ohioans to prepare their homes, schools, businesses, and organizations for the upcoming months of potential severe winter weather and conditions associated with it such as snow and ice storms; flooding from rapid snow melts; extended power outages; and illnesses caused by colds and influenza; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans can prepare for the hardships of winter by updating their disaster preparedness kits; emergency plans and emergency contact lists; updating their flood insurance policies; purchasing NOAA Weather Radios; investing in alternative heating sources and portable generators; winterizing their vehicles; and ensuring medical prescriptions and vaccinations are current; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is committed to educating the public on severe weather safety and preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's news media, state and local governments, and educators continue their partnership to inform and educate the citizens of Ohio about actions they can take to prepare for, respond to, and recover from severe winter weather events; and

WHEREAS, all Ohioans are encouraged to make severe weather safety and preparedness a priority and ensure that their homes, neighbors, and communities are ready for winter-related incidents; and

WHEREAS, citizens are encouraged to review the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness website at www.weathersafety.ohio.gov and become more knowledgeable and prepared for weather events that impact our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize November 17-23, 2019 as

WINTER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

On this 17th day of November 2019,