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Governor Bob Taft

OHIO TO RECEIVE FEDERAL AID FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RESPONSE COSTS

Certain Emergency Protective Measures Eligible for Reimbursement

COLUMBUS (September 14, 2005) – Governor Bob Taft announced today that President George W. Bush has approved Ohio’s request for a Presidential Emergency Declaration to help offset costs incurred by the State of Ohio, local governments and non-profit organizations that are helping with Hurricane Katrina response and recovery efforts. Governor Taft declared a State of Emergency for Ohio and requested federal assistance to help recover costs on September 8.

“I am grateful to President Bush for his quick approval of our request, and I applaud the state and local agencies for their quick response in providing vital services for victims of Hurricane Katrina,” said Taft. “The individuals, agencies and organizations who are working together for the people of the Gulf Coast during this national disaster are examples of Ohio’s determination and commitment to protect lives and property whether home or abroad.”

This Federal Emergency Declaration makes local and state government agencies and qualified private non-profit organizations eligible for certain emergency protective measures put in place to aid in the sheltering of individuals and families displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Entities may be reimbursed for 100 percent of eligible cost for emergency protective measures.

Within the State of Ohio, state and local government agencies and non-profit organizations continue work to provide shelter and mass care to individuals and families affected by Hurricane Katrina.

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