State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Plan

STATEMENT OF ADOPTION

The State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Plan (SOHMP) is a comprehensive description of the State’s commitment to reduce or eliminate the impacts of natural and human-caused hazards. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that states have a natural hazard mitigation plan to maintain eligibility for federal disaster assistance and mitigation funds. The SOHMP is coordinated and maintained by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, however, the plan is the culmination of input and recommendations from numerous stakeholders from local, state and federal government agencies, private sector organizations, and residents of Ohio.

The SOHMP was initially approved by FEMA on January 17, 2005 and has been updated every three years. The plan was updated and approved by FEMA as meeting standard plan requirements on May 13, 2011. The 2012 plan update meets "enhanced" plan criteria, which is a testament to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency’s commitment to mitigation and enables the state to qualify for additional funds following future disaster declarations.

In adopting the 2012 update of the SOHMP, the State of Ohio agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations, as stipulated in previously documented assurances, and will update the plan at least every three years. The SOHMP has been amended to reflect emerging hazard conditions and risks as well as new or revised state and federal statutes and regulations. Future amendments will also reflect changes to State organization or policy as appropriate.

As the Governor of the State of Ohio, I the undersigned do hereby formally adopt the State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Plan 2012 update.

Signature:  

DATE: 6/12/12

JOHN R. KASICH, Governor  
State of Ohio