

## Annex G: Ohio Governor's Emergency Declaration



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GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland, Ohio, is hosting the 2016 Republican National Convention (RNC) from July 17, 2016, through July 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security may designate an event as a National Special Security Event (NSSE) if it determines, after considering a number of factors, that the event requires greater security operations. Such factors include, in part, whether the event: has historical, political or symbolic significance; will generate a large number of attendees or participants; includes national or foreign dignitaries; and/or has the requisite available state and local resources; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security has designated the 2016 RNC as an NSSE; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland is responsible for the security of areas impacted by the 2016 RNC; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland is dedicated to ensuring a safe environment for attendees, participants, dignitaries, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, due to the large number of additional law enforcement personnel and resources needed for the 2016 RNC, the City of Cleveland requires the assistance of law enforcement agencies outside of the State as Ohio, as well as those within the State, to commit personnel and resources; and

WHEREAS, host cities of past political conventions have enlisted out-of-state law enforcement agencies to assist with security operations in preparing for and responding to such events; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is a party state to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), a state-to-state mutual aid agreement adopted in Ohio law at Ohio Revised Code Section 5502.40, which allows EMAC to be activated if the Governor declares an emergency. Activation of EMAC will allow the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to secure the additional law enforcement personnel and resources that Cleveland determines are necessary to prepare for and respond to the 2016 RNC, and to address the needs of the City of Cleveland in developing and implementing a seamless security plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland has requested that the Governor declare a state of emergency for the purpose of activating EMAC to assist with the RNC.

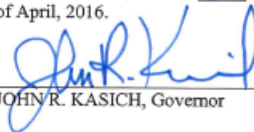
NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, hereby declare a state of emergency in the City of Cleveland and any surrounding areas where law enforcement will be supporting the 2016 RNC, for the time period expressed below, justifying the authorization of such personnel and resources of state departments and agencies as are necessary, in accordance with Sections 5502.22 and 5502.28 of the Ohio Revised Code, to assist the City of Cleveland in protecting the lives, safety, health, and property of its visitors and citizens; and

FURTHER, that in order to locate and procure necessary law enforcement personnel and resources from other states in advance of the 2016 RNC, I hereby request the Ohio Department of Administrative Services to suspend, purchasing and contracting requirements for EMA pursuant to Section 125.061 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

FURTHER, that this Proclamation does not require the implementation of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Directive HR-D-11 (dated October 6, 2011) or the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' "Weather (Public Safety) Procedure" (revised May 2010). Accordingly, classified and unclassified exempt state employees' obligation to travel to and from work is not to be limited as a result of this Proclamation; and

FURTHER, that this Proclamation shall take effect upon my signature and remain in full force and effect until one of the following occurs: (1) until July 22, 2016; (2) in the event the RNC has to be extended, until one day after such conclusion of the extended RNC; or (3) until I order otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name at Columbus, Ohio, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

  
JOHN R. KASICH, Governor