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### **TORNADO DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS AND CLEAN-UP EFFORTS CONTINUE** *Gov. Kasich Declares State of Emergency for Clermont County*

COLUMBUS, OH – Governor John R. Kasich and state officials toured tornado-ravaged areas in southwest Ohio's Clermont County earlier today, where local and state officials continue recovery efforts. Three people in Clermont County died as a result of Friday's severe weather and tornado outbreak.

The Governor declared a State of Emergency for Clermont County earlier today after seeing the storm destruction. The declaration allows additional state resources to assist with debris and recovery issues.

Counties impacted by yesterday's storms include: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clermont, Gallia, Pike and Scioto. The National Weather Service continues to survey impacted areas to confirm the intensity of the severe storms/tornadoes.

Residents of Moscow in Clermont County were allowed to return to their homes and properties at 4 p.m. today. Currently, approximately 935 customers in the county remain without power. Utility officials urged citizens to stay away from all downed power lines.

A shelter remains opened at Clermont County's New Richmond High School.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Ohio State Highway Patrol continue to support debris removal, road closures and traffic issues in the affected counties.

Monroe and Tate townships in Clermont County are under an Asian Long-horned Beetle (ALB) quarantine for infested trees. The Ohio Department of Agriculture is assisting the USDA with infected tree removal and disposal.

People who have sustained damages from yesterday's storms are encouraged to contact their local emergency management agencies.

The State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center's assessment room will remain operational as needed to respond to county requests.