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Lake County Commissioners and Emergency Management Agency Planning and Preparing for 2024 Total Solar Eclipse

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, February 27, 2023– Lake County will experience a Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. The eclipse will enter Ohio near Greenville in Darke County and exit Ohio near Avon Lake in Lorain County. The eclipse will occur local time at approximately 3:12 p.m. and last 4 minutes.

Lake County will have several ‘prime’ viewing areas with the center line of the eclipse traversing Lake Erie approximately 10 miles due north of the eastern and western boundaries of the county and the center line of the eclipse approximately 5 miles due north of Mentor.

“We look forward to this exciting total solar eclipse as it is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We are working hard alongside the LCEMA to prepare for this event,” said Commission President John R. Hamercheck.

The total solar eclipse, along with an anticipated increase in population, will require the coordination of local, state and potentially federal resources. The Lake County Emergency Management Agency (LCEMA), as a planning agency, is in

the process of preparing a plan to address the potential issues within Lake County and their surrounding counties associated with the 2024 total solar eclipse.

“Witnessing a total solar eclipse on the shore of Lake Erie will be an incredible experience for all and I am grateful we have such wonderful teams to help us prepare to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for the thousands of visitors to Lake County,” said Commissioner John Plecnik.

The eclipse is anticipated to be a significant economic driver for local hotels, merchants, restaurants and the Grand River Valley to name a few. The County, along with community partners such as Remarkable



Lake County and the local Chambers of Commerce, will work collaboratively over the next 12 months to create numerous choices for new families to visit.

Lake County EMA Director, Joe Busher added, "The Lake County Emergency Management Agency, working with county stakeholders, has begun early planning, promoting and preparing for this event. Taking lessons learned from previous large gatherings (solar eclipse of 2017, NBA Championship parade, etc.) and incorporating those into the planning process will give Lake County the ability to lessen the impact of the Total Solar Eclipse on our infrastructure making it safe and enjoyable for everyone!"

"There is a vast amount of planning required before the not-to-be-missed total solar eclipse that is expected to reach Lake County next year. We are taking all precautions necessary to ensure our community is prepared," said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.

The last total solar eclipse to appear in the United States was on August 21, 2017. This eclipse will be the last one to appear in North America until 2044. The next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be 2444. The last total eclipse in Ohio was 1806.

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