

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, natural and human-made disasters can occur at any time and without warning, impacting the lives of Hoosiers and causing significant damage to our communities; and
- WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month provides an opportunity to emphasize the importance of preparing for any type of emergency, including natural disasters, pandemics, and other unexpected crises; and
- WHEREAS, accidental overdoses rank as the leading cause of death in our nation, with over 112,000 fatal overdoses in the twelve months ending in May 2023, marking the highest recorded number of overdose deaths in a single year in the history of the United States; and
- WHEREAS, individuals, families, businesses, and communities are encouraged to develop emergency plans, assemble emergency supply kits, and stay informed about potential hazards and appropriate responses; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Indiana is committed to working with local, state, and federal partners, as well as community organizations, to promote preparedness initiatives and ensure that all residents have the resources and information they need to be resilient in the face of emergencies; and
- WHEREAS, by fostering a culture of preparedness, we can enhance our collective ability to respond to and recover from emergencies, building a safer and more resilient Indiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 19th
day of August the year of our
Lord 2024 and of the Independence
of the United States 249.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Eric Holcomb