## 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.

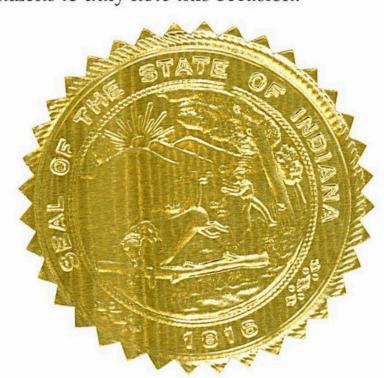
In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seat of State. Done at the

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

EMC Howard