

## **2023 NEXT LEVEL AGENDA**

#### GOVERNOR ERIC J. HOLCOMB

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Pass 10th straight honestly balanced budget, maintain healthy reserves and continue to pay down the Pre-96 Teachers' Pension obligation
- Modernize economic development efforts with tools to pursue opportunities and shape the state's future
- Double funding for manufacturing readiness grants
- Build planned capital projects: Westville prison, colocated schools for blind and deaf students, state archives, state park inn at Potato Creek State Park
- Invest in tourism and attract more visitors and new residents

### **EDUCATION & WORKFORCE**

- Grow capacity, increase access and strengthen quality of early childhood care and education
- Continue historic investments in K-12 education and raise teacher salaries
- Fully fund textbook costs for Indiana students
- Ensure high-quality STEM curriculum
- Drive literacy efforts to raise third grade reading levels to 95% by 2027
- Launch Dolly Parton's Imagination Library statewide
- Increase investment in school safety
- Increase higher education funding and implement strategies to retain graduates
- Auto enroll all eligible students in the 21st Century Scholars Program
- Support Martin University, the state's only predominantly black institution
- Invest in workforce training by expanding adult education, Excel Centers, workforce ready and employer grants, online programs and an Unemployment Insurance education pilot
- Attract more veterans to Indiana

### **PUBLIC HEALTH & WELL-BEING**

- Transform the quality of public health in all 92 counties by investing in local health services
- Complete implementation of My Healthy Baby in 10 more counties to reach full coverage
- Build a sustainable mental health system to support, prevent and respond to crisis
- Prevent suicide among veterans by implementing the Governor's Challenge program
- Keep focus and commitment on Hoosiers battling substance use disorder

# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- \$500 million for READI 2.0
- Invest \$50 million more in NextLevel Trails and \$25 million in land conservation
- Close gaps in the availability of high-speed affordable broadband service
- Attract more domestic and international direct flights
- Support cargo development projects at the Gary Airport
- Increase funding for food banks serving Hoosiers across Indiana

#### **GOOD GOVERNMENT**

- Invest in our state workforce with compensation increases for state employees, including State Police and other law enforcement officers
- Implement a regional firefighter training infrastructure that reaches all corners of the state and fund equipment for volunteer departments



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