

# STATE OF INDIANA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

**EXECUTIVE ORDER** 23-05

**FOR:** DECLARING DISASTER EMERGENCIES IN CLAY, FOUNTAIN, GIBSON, JOHNSON, MARTIN, SPENCER, VERMILLION, AND VIGO COUNTIES DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

**WHEREAS,** Indiana Code § 10-14-3-12 provides that the Governor shall declare a disaster emergency by executive order if he determines that a disaster involving widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property has occurred or that the occurrence or threat of a disaster is imminent;

**WHEREAS,** beginning on June 25, 2023, and continuing into the next day, severe weather, tornadoes, and high winds caused severe and widespread damage throughout Johnson and Martin counties and surrounding areas;

**WHEREAS,** on June 29, 2023, our State was impacted, again, by severe weather, when a derecho moved through the State and caused severe and widespread damage throughout Clay, Fountain, Gibson, Spencer, Vermillion, and Vigo counties and surrounding areas; and

**WHEREAS,** the severe weather that occurred throughout our State during these events has resulted in: the damage and destruction of homes, buildings, and infrastructure; downed trees and power lines causing the loss of power and closure of roads; and tragically, the loss of life and other injuries;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERIC J. HOLCOMB,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby:

**DECLARE** that a state of disaster emergency exists in Clay, Fountain, Gibson, Johnson, Martin, Spencer, Vermillion, and Vigo counties, which will be effective immediately and, pursuant to Indiana Code § 10-14-3-2, shall continue for thirty (30) days.

**ORDER** the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and its Executive Director, having already begun implementation of the State Emergency Plan, to enlist the support of such other state agencies as are needed and also to provide needed emergency services to the counties mentioned in this executive order that have been impacted by these events; and

**ORDER** the IDHS Executive Director to coordinate any and all necessary assistance with appropriate federal, state and local agencies.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Eric J. Holcomb, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.



Eric J. Holcomb  
Governor of Indiana



Diego Morales  
Secretary of State

ATTEST: