

Press Release  
Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022

## **Gov. Holcomb's 6th State of the State focuses on investing in our Economy, Communities and Hoosiers**

INDIANAPOLIS – Governor Eric J. Holcomb addressed a joint convention of the Indiana General Assembly on Tuesday as he delivered his 2022 State of the State Address. The Governor's progress report celebrated accomplishments and focused on next steps to enhance the quality of life for all Hoosiers by strengthening the economy, reskilling the workforce and expanding the state's infrastructure.

"Hoosiers have proven throughout the pandemic that they are resilient and have a spirit that can't be broken," Gov. Holcomb said. "It's the foundation of who we are and what we strive to be and together we can build an even better Indiana."

Indiana continues its strong fiscal position. The 2021 state fiscal year closed with \$3.9 billion in reserves resulting in an automatic taxpayer refund and reduction of pension obligations.

"When it comes to our strong economy, we've earned it," Gov. Holcomb said. "Sound fiscal management over time has become our state's reputation."

As further support of Indiana's stable positions, the Governor reported state's robust workforce environment is experiencing its lowest unemployment rate in 21 years at 3%, and more Hoosiers are working today than before the pandemic

"It's a time of unprecedented growth," Gov. Holcomb said. "We're revitalizing and connecting our communities across the state like never before to enhance and elevate the quality of life for all Hoosiers."

Gov. Holcomb recognized the two-year battle against COVID-19 and the exhausting toll on our healthcare system. He took time to thank healthcare providers for their commitment to caring for Hoosiers and to the 3.5 million people who are vaccinated to protect themselves and their loved ones against COVID-19.

Each year, Indiana's Governor addresses both houses of the state legislature, the state's Supreme Court Justices, and other state leaders at the beginning of the legislative session in the State of the State Address. It provides an opportunity for the Governor to report on the status of the state's affairs, highlight key accomplishments of the past year and outline top priorities for the year ahead.

The full text of Gov. Holcomb's 2022 State of the State Address can be read by [clicking here](#).