## STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

## PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Indiana has recorded over 1,400 tornadoes since 1950, resulting in more

than 5,000 injuries and 300 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, to mitigate the effects of a severe tornado, every Hoosier business, school

and family are urged to participate in the Statewide Tornado Drill scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at approximately 10:15 a.m. Eastern Daylight

Time (EDT); and

WHEREAS, Indiana experienced 76 flooding or heavy rain events in 2022, and since

1994, Indiana has received 12 disaster declarations related to flooding, emphasizing the unpredictability and urgency of preparedness in the face of

such disasters; and

WHEREAS, active participation in Severe Weather Preparedness Week and the

Statewide Tornado Drill and adherence to safety measures are essential to enhancing community resilience and minimizing the potential impact of

severe weather events on the citizens of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Hoosiers deserve to be informed of planning and preparedness best practices

that help minimize the number of weather-related deaths and injuries and

are invaluable in helping individuals, families and businesses recover quickly and completely from emergencies and disasters;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim March 10-16, 2024 as

## SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

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 1st day of Tebruary the year of our Lord 2024 and of the Independence of the United States 248.



BY THE GOVERNOR:

EMC Howard