

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 22-15

FOR: DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY FOR JEFFERSON, SWITZERLAND,
AND OHIO COUNTIES DUE TO STORMS, TORRENTIAL RAINS & FLOODING

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 in the event that he determines 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 September 3, 2022 and lasting into the following day, portions of southern Indiana experienced heavy rainfall, especially in Jefferson, Ohio, and Switzerland;

WHEREAS, the heavy rainfall caused flooding and severe damage to infrastructure and other property, including roads, homes, buildings, and bridges; and at least one death and injuries to other individuals occurred in connection therewith;

WHEREAS, immediately after the storm, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) engaged with its local and federal counterparts, as well as other state agencies, to provide needed emergency services to the above-referenced counties;

WHEREAS, since the occurrence of this event, applicable local, state and federal entities have been assessing the total extent of damages from this storm throughout the affected counties which process has been delayed in part by difficulties in accessing certain areas thereof; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced assessment process has now established that the issuance of an emergency declaration is appropriate under the circumstances;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby: (1) declare that a state of disaster emergency exists in Jefferson, Ohio, and Switzerland counties, which shall continue for 30 days unless earlier terminated by order of the Governor; and (2) order the IDHS and its Executive Director, having already begun implementation of the State Emergency Operations Plan, to continue coordinating all necessary assistance with appropriate local, state, and federal 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 29th day of September, 2022.



Eric J. Holcomb
Governor of Indiana


ATTEST: Holli Sullivan
Secretary of State