STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER _____23~06

FOR:

DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN DUBOIS, WASHINGTON, AND ORANGE 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, on August 7, 2023, severe weather, tornadoes, and high winds caused widespread damage throughout Dubois, Washington, and Orange counties and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, this severe weather has resulted in: the damage and destruction of homes, buildings, and infrastructure; downed trees and power lines, causing the loss of power; closed and damaged roads; and, tragically, injuries to people;

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 Dubois, Washington, and Orange counties, effective immediately and, pursuant to Indiana Code § 10-14-3-12, shall continue for thirty (30) days;

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 the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

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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 21st day of September, 2023.

Eric J. Holcomb Governor of Indiana

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ATTEST:

ORDER

Diego Morales Secretary of State