

**STATE OF INDIANA**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**  
**INDIANAPOLIS**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER** 05-27

**FOR:** EFFORTS BY INDIANA AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES TO ASSIST IN HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS

**WHEREAS,** the Gulf Coast states have been devastated by Hurricane Katrina, resulting in a tragic loss of life and property, the forced relocation of tens of thousands of residents of the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and significant economic disruption;

**WHEREAS,** all of the states and the federal government are working together in a cooperative manner to assist with relief efforts in the affected areas and to accommodate displaced evacuees;

**WHEREAS,** under IC 10-14-3-11 (the Emergency Management and Disaster Law), the Governor may, among other things:

- cooperate with the President of the United States and the heads of the armed forces, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the officers and agencies of other states in matters pertaining to emergency management and disaster preparedness, response and recovery of the state and nation;
- take any measures that the Governor considers proper to carry into effect any request of the President and the appropriate federal officers and agencies for any emergency management action; and
- make, amend, and rescind the necessary orders, rules, and regulations to carry out the emergency management functions within Indiana with due consideration of the plans of the federal government; and

**WHEREAS,** all instrumentalities, agencies, authorities, boards, commissions, and officers of the executive, including the administrative, department of state government, as well as all bodies corporate and politic set up as instrumentalities of the State, have previously been requested to cooperate and provide assistance to the Executive Director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security in connection with providing relief in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina; and

**WHEREAS,** a state of disaster emergency has been declared related to the need to provide services to evacuees arriving in the State of Indiana.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order:

1. The heads of all instrumentalities of the executive, including the administrative, department of state government, as well as all bodies corporate and politic set up as instrumentalities of the State (collectively, "agency heads"), shall be authorized and empowered to take such actions as they deem necessary or appropriate to support ongoing emergency management and disaster relief efforts relating to, or to cope with temporary economic disruption caused by, Hurricane Katrina, including without limitation (i) the amendment, rescission, suspension or waiver of rules, regulations, orders, policies, procedures, guidelines, or statutory penalties consistent with any initiatives taken or authorized by federal agencies having the same or similar subject matter jurisdiction, and (ii) the exercise of emergency rulemaking authority, where applicable, or the taking of other administrative actions necessary to adopt, issue, amend, suspend or waive rules, regulations, orders, policies, procedures, guidelines or statutory penalties for the purpose of supporting emergency management and disaster relief efforts, providing assistance and services to evacuees relocating to Indiana, or coping with temporary economic disruption caused by Hurricane Katrina, including fuel shortages.

2. The authority conferred by this Executive Order shall apply to all actions taken prior to the date hereof by agency heads in connection with providing emergency management and disaster relief efforts related to, or coping with temporary economic disruption caused by, Hurricane Katrina.

3. The authority provided in this Executive Order shall expire thirty (30) days from the date hereof unless extended by further action of the Governor, and any agency action taken within such 30-day period shall not extend beyond a period of ninety (90) days from the date of such action, unless otherwise authorized by the Governor.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 9th day of September, 2005.

  
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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.  
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST:   
Todd Rokita  
Secretary of State