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STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

**EXECUTIVE ORDER: 06-16**

**FOR: DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN LAKE COUNTY AND VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA  
DUE TO HEAVY RAINFALL, SIGNIFICANT FLOODING AND FLASH FLOODING**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

**WHEREAS**, from September 10 through September 14, 2006, a single, large low pressure system moved slowly through the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Regions providing an extended period of rain that, beginning on September 12, 2006, resulted in flash flooding and flooding in Lake and Vanderburgh Counties;

**WHEREAS**, in Lake County, significant flooding occurred in Hammond, Griffith, Highland, East Chicago, Gary and surrounding areas where over 3,500 homes were inundated, some severely, and water rescues were conducted in homes and schools due to the rapid rate at which the water rose;

**WHEREAS**, in Vanderburgh County, significant flooding occurred in Evansville resulting in the closure of several local roads and major highways, several homes were inundated, numerous cars needed towing, and thirty (30) or more water rescues were required;

**WHEREAS**, on September 14, 2006, after extensive damage was reported by Lake County, Executive Order 06-15 was issued, declaring a state of disaster emergency in Lake County due to serious flooding and flash flooding that occurred as a result of heavy rain that swept through Lake County on September 12 and 13, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to the issuance of Executive Order 06-15, extensive damage has been reported by Vanderburgh County as a result of the flooding caused by this storm system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.**, 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 Lake and Vanderburgh Counties; and

**ORDER** the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, having already implemented the State Emergency Plan, to provide needed emergency services to the damaged areas of Lake and Vanderburgh Counties impacted by the heavy rains and subsequent flooding and to coordinate assistance with appropriate federal, state and local agencies.

This declaration of disaster emergency was in effect beginning on September 12, 2006.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.  
Governor of Indiana

SEAL  
ATTEST: Todd Rokita  
Secretary of State

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