

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER: 07-19

**FOR: DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN ELKHART, KOSCIUSKO AND MARSHALL COUNTIES
DUE TO DEVASTATION CAUSED BY A TORNADO AND SEVERE STORMS**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2007, a tornado touched down west of Bourbon, in Marshall County, Indiana and traveled northeast through Kosciusko county and Nappanee, in Elkhart County, Indiana leaving behind a twenty-mile path of destruction;

WHEREAS, the tornado and severe storms damaged nearly 400 homes, with 51 homes destroyed and 137 homes suffering major damage;

WHEREAS, the tornado and severe storms also destroyed or damaged numerous business and government buildings, including 3 recreational vehicle plants, Fairmont Homes, Gulf Stream Coach and Franklin Coach, that are among the City of Nappanee's largest employers.

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 Elkhart, Kosciusko and Marshall 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 Indiana impacted by the tornado and to coordinate assistance with appropriate federal, state and local agencies.

This declaration of disaster emergency was in effect beginning on October 18, 2007 and continues.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., have hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 1st day of November, 2007.

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor of Indiana

SEAL

ATTEST: Todd Rokita
Secretary of State

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