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STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

**EXECUTIVE ORDER: 17-21**

**FOR: COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOR THE HOSTING OF THE 2024 & 2026 MEN'S FINAL FOUR**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

**WHEREAS**, the National Collegiate Athletic Association ("NCAA") owns, produces and controls the NCAA Men's Final Fours, along with associated events ("Official Events");

**WHEREAS**, the State of Indiana desires for Indianapolis, Indiana, to be designated as the host of the NCAA Men's Final Four and has, within its jurisdiction and control, facilities and premises, access roads, thoroughfares and other areas which may be used for the purposes of organizing, financing, promoting, accommodating, staging and conducting the NCAA Men's Final Four and related Official Events and activities;

**WHEREAS**, the hosting of the NCAA Men's Final Four and the Official Events will generate goodwill, enhance the worldwide renown and prestige of the State of Indiana and Indianapolis, create temporary jobs, and create substantial financial economic and fiscal activity;

**WHEREAS**, the NCAA has requested a declaration of support from the State of Indiana and has also required certain guarantees from the State and City of Indianapolis concerning the performance of reasonably necessary governmental services in connection with the NCAA Men's Final Four and related Official Events as part of the formal bid made by Indianapolis, Indiana, to be designated as a site for the NCAA Men's Final Four; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indiana State Police along with other state and local law enforcement agencies are officially charged with the responsibility to provide certain public safety services within their respective jurisdictions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order the following:

1. The State of Indiana welcomes the NCAA Men's Final Four and any related Official Events to our State and, to that end, declares its full support of the efforts to have Indianapolis selected as the site for the NCAA Men's Final Four.
2. Upon designation of Indianapolis, Indiana, as the site for the NCAA Men's Final Four, and at all times thereafter, the State of Indiana, its agencies, departments and personnel, agree to provide all governmental services, including, without limitation: public safety, security, fire and medical emergency, traffic, decorative display, and public works/street maintenance services and supplies as may be reasonably necessary to the success of the NCAA Men's Final Four and any related Official Events within the State of Indiana's jurisdiction. This would include all planning, training or deployment activities related to the provision of such services, all at no cost, expense or liability to the NCAA or the participating Teams ("Teams") (while at the same time, recognizing that, because of the uniqueness and extraordinary scope of the NCAA Men's Final Four, the provision of such services may be needed at below, equal to, or beyond the normal level and range of public safety services generally provided for events held within the jurisdiction).
3. The State of Indiana agrees that neither the NCAA, the Teams, nor any director, shareholder, officer, agency employee or other representative of the NCAA or the Teams shall be held accountable for, or incur any financial responsibility or liability of any kind or nature whatsoever in connection with, the governmental services planned and/or provided by the State of Indiana relating to the NCAA Men's Final Four and related Official Events.
4. The State of Indiana agrees to actively protect against unauthorized promotional activities during the two weeks prior through the week following the NCAA Men's Final Four and related Official Events which detract from, or interfere with, the promotional activities of the NCAA in connection with the NCAA Men's Final Four.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, 2017.

Eric J. Holcomb  
Governor of Indiana

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ATTEST: Connie Lawson  
Secretary of State

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