

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** the state of Indiana has cultivated a strong and diverse economy to ensure Indiana remains an attractive destination for companies to start here and existing companies to reinvest, grow and innovate here; and
- WHEREAS,** Hoosier businesses, workers, communities and students alike are impacted by rapid advancements in technology, changing their awareness of and access to infrastructure needed to ensure the skills necessary to compete in a global marketplace; and
- WHEREAS,** talent attraction, development and connection are keys to continued economic investment growth; and
- WHEREAS,** growing 21st century talent is no longer the province of any single agency, organization or unit of government alone, but involves collaboration across public and private sectors at the state, regional and local levels; and
- WHEREAS,** the 21st Century Talent Region initiative was launched to ensure every student is on a learning path to adult prosperity, every adult Hoosier has access to training aligned to work with future growth opportunities and every employer has the tools they need to recruit, train and retain talent; and
- WHEREAS,** EcO Network Partner Communities of Batesville, Columbus, Greensburg, North Vernon, Rising Sun, Seymour and others across Southeast Indiana have committed to working across geographic lines to attract, develop and connect talent while working together with the Office of Career Connections and Talent, Indiana Economic Development Corporation and CivicLab. The region is developing a data-driven plan to grow population, increase educational attainment and raise household income; and
- WHEREAS,** the region commenced implementation of priorities identified in the plan to receive a designation as a 21st Century Talent Region and identified the goals of: (1) Completing goal setting for regional talent attraction and connection numbers by the end of 2019, (2) Building out talent dashboards for local communities by the end of 2019, and (3) Identifying the shared talent attraction, development, and connection strategies that the region can build communities of practice around in Southeast Indiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby designate the Southeast Region of Indiana and **EcO Network Partner Communities** as a 21st Century Talent Region and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 20th
day of June in the year of our
Lord 2019 and of the Independence
of the United States 243.*



BY THE GOVERNOR: _____

Eric Holcomb