

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

# PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, Indiana has recorded over 1,400 tornadoes since 1950, resulting in more than 5,000 injuries and 300 fatalities; and
- WHEREAS, to mitigate the effects of a severe tornado, every Hoosier business, school and family are urged to participate in the Statewide Tornado Drill scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2025, at approximately 10:15 a.m.; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana experienced 76 flooding or heavy rain events in 2022, and since 1994, Indiana has received 12 disaster declarations related to flooding, emphasizing the unpredictability and urgency of preparedness in the face of such disasters; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana experienced 62 tornadoes in 2025, the second-highest amount ever recorded; and
- WHEREAS, active participation in Severe Weather Preparedness Week and the Statewide Tornado Drill and adherence to safety measures are essential to enhancing community resilience and minimizing the potential impact of severe weather events on the citizens of Indiana; and
- WHEREAS, Hoosiers deserve to be informed of planning and preparedness best practices that help minimize the number of weather-related deaths and injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Braun, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026 as

## SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

in the State of Indiana, 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 25th day of February the year of our Lord 2026 and of the Independence of the United States 249.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Mike Braun*