

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 18-07

FOR: DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN GIBSON, LAGRANGE, VANDERBURGH, AND VERMILLION COUNTIES DUE TO STORMS, TORRENTIAL RAINFALL, AND FLOODING

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 10-14-3-12 provides that the Governor shall declare a disaster emergency by executive order if he determines that a disaster involving widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property has occurred or that the occurrence or threat of a disaster is imminent;

WHEREAS, beginning on February 15, 2018 and lasting through February 25, 2018, northern and southern Indiana experienced near record rainfall amounts, resulting in extensive flooding and widespread damage to homes, businesses, and other structures, as well as damage to and the closure of many state, county, and federal roads;

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2018, I declared that a state of disaster emergency exists in Carroll, Dearborn, Elkhart, Fulton, Lake, Marshall, Perry, St. Joseph, Starke, Switzerland, and White counties;

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2018, I declared that a state of disaster emergency also exists in Benton, Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Jefferson, Spencer, and Warrick counties;

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2018, I declared that a state of disaster emergency also exists in Harrison, Jasper, Ohio, and Pulaski counties;

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2018, I declared that a state of disaster emergency also exists in Jackson, Kosciusko, Newton, and Porter counties;

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2018, I declared that a state of disaster emergency also exists in LaPorte, Noble, Posey, Wabash, and Warren counties; and

WHEREAS, based on additional reports of evacuations, water rescues, and flooding damage, it is now necessary to add to the list of counties in which a state of disaster emergency shall exist, the following: Gibson, LaGrange, Vanderburgh, and Vermillion;

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

DECLARE that a state of disaster emergency also exists in Gibson, LaGrange, Vanderburgh, and Vermillion counties. This declaration of disaster emergency shall be effective immediately, and, pursuant to Ind. Code § 10-14-3-12, shall continue for thirty (30) days;

ORDER the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, having already begun implementation of the State Emergency Plan, to enlist the support of such other state agencies as are needed and also to provide needed emergency services to the counties mentioned in this executive order that have been impacted by the storms, torrential rains, and subsequent flooding; and

ORDER

the Executive Director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to coordinate any and all necessary assistance with appropriate federal, state and local agencies.



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 16th day of March, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric J. Holcomb".

Eric J. Holcomb
Governor of Indiana

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie Lawson".

ATTEST: Connie Lawson
Secretary of State