

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-56

**FOR: MAKING INDIANA HEALTHY AGAIN BY INCREASING
CONSUMER TRANSPARENCY RELATED TO FOOD DYES AND
ADDITIVES**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana is committed to protecting the health and well-being of all Hoosiers, particularly our children, by ensuring the safety of food products available within the state;

WHEREAS, as indicated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) revoking the authorization of FD&C Red No. 3, scientific research has indicated potential adverse health effects associated with certain artificial food dyes;

WHEREAS, many Hoosiers experience adverse reactions to certain food dyes, including headaches, hives, and other symptoms that impact their quality of life;

WHEREAS, certain food dyes can trigger allergic reactions in sensitive individuals;

WHEREAS, Hoosier parents have expressed growing concerns about limiting their children's exposure to artificial additives in food products;

WHEREAS, many Hoosiers have expressed a desire for greater food transparency, preferring to know exactly what ingredients are in their food and opting for products with fewer artificial ingredients; and

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana should take proactive measures to assess and address potential health concerns related to specific artificial food dyes and additives that may pose health risks to Hoosiers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BRAUN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

1. The Indiana Department of Health (“IDOH”) shall conduct a comprehensive assessment on the health impacts of artificial food dyes and additives, prioritizing those which have been identified by the federal government or other states to be harmful (including FD&C Red No. 40, FD&C Yellow No. 5, FD&C Yellow No. 6, FD&C Blue No. 1, FD&C Blue No. 2, and FD&C Green No. 3).
2. In conducting its assessment, IDOH shall:
 - a. Evaluate existing scientific research on these artificial food dyes and additives;
 - b. Assess their prevalence in food products commonly consumed by Hoosiers, and identify potential health risks associated with their consumption; and
 - c. Consult with the FDA, medical professionals, public health experts, food safety specialists, and consumer advocates.
3. Upon completion of its assessment, and no later than July 1, 2026, IDOH shall submit to the Governor a written report including, for each artificial food dye and additive identified for assessment, information related to:
 - a. Potential adverse health impacts associated with the artificial food dye or additive;

- b. High-risk population groups that are most susceptible to the adverse effects identified by this report;
 - c. The effectiveness of existing state and federal regulations in mitigating the adverse health impacts identified by this report; and
 - d. Recommendations for implementing appropriate restrictions or bans on harmful artificial food dyes and additives in the State of Indiana.
4. Upon completion of its assessment, IDOH shall also develop a public education campaign to inform Hoosiers about the potential risks associated with any artificial food dye or additive identified to be harmful and alternatives available to consumers.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I,
Mike Braun, have hereunto set my hand
and caused to be affixed the Great Seal
of the State of Indiana on this 15th day
of April, 2025.

Mike Braun

Mike Braun
Governor of Indiana

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ATTEST: Diego Morales
Secretary of State