

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-45

**FOR: STANDARDIZING WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT REGIONS IN INDIANA**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana's diverse regions possess unique strengths and assets that can drive targeted economic development strategies;

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana recognizes the importance of fostering robust and sustainable economic growth to enhance the quality of life for all Hoosiers;

WHEREAS, the current landscape of regional designations creates confusion, duplication, and inefficiency;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State to direct and prioritize investments and resources capitalizing on the distinct regional strengths across the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated and collaborative approach among state and local governments and private sector partners is essential to maximize the impact of economic development initiatives;

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 Secretary of Commerce shall consult with local and regional economic development officials, business representatives, and local elected officials to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the unique strengths and assets within each economic development region of the State of Indiana. This assessment shall include analysis of existing industry clusters, workforce capabilities, infrastructure and natural resources.
2. No later than December 31, 2025, Secretary of Commerce shall make recommendations for a regional map that will apply to workforce and economic development functions.
3. The Secretary of Commerce shall coordinate with regions to identify the resources necessary to maximize the economic development efforts of each region and the State.



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 8th day of
April, 2025.

Mike Braun

Mike Braun
Governor of Indiana

DIEGO MORALES

ATTEST: Diego Morales
Secretary of State