

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER \_\_\_\_\_  
18-01

FOR: DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN CARROLL, DEARBORN, ELKHART, FULTON, LAKE, MARSHALL, PERRY, ST. JOSEPH, STARKE, SWITZERLAND, AND WHITE 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 continuing, torrential rainfall and extensive flooding has caused widespread damage throughout Carroll, Dearborn, Elkhart, Fulton, Lake, Marshall, Perry, St. Joseph, Starke, Switzerland, and White counties; and

WHEREAS, near record rainfall amounts in northern and southern Indiana resulted in flash flooding, causing many state, county, and federal roads to be damaged and/or closed, the need to rescue a number of people stranded in their flooded homes and/or cars, as well as damage to infrastructure, hospitals, homes, businesses, and other structures.

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 exists in Carroll, Dearborn, Elkhart, Fulton, Lake, Marshall, Perry, St. Joseph, Starke, Switzerland and White 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 24th day of February, 2018.

  
Eric J. Holcomb  
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST:   
Corinne Lawson  
Secretary of State