

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 23-02

FOR: DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN JOHNSON & SULLIVAN COUNTIES DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER, TORNADIC ACTIVITY, 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 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 March 31, 2023 and continuing into the next day, severe weather, tornadic activity, and flooding caused widespread damage throughout Johnson and Sullivan counties; and

WHEREAS, damaging winds that occurred throughout our State during this severe weather have: damaged homes, businesses, buildings, and infrastructure; downed trees and power lines, causing the loss of power; closed or damaged county, state, and federal roads; and, tragically, resulted in the loss of life and serious injuries;

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 Johnson and Sullivan counties, which will be effective immediately and, pursuant to Indiana Code § 10-14-3-12, shall continue for thirty (30) days;

ORDER the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and its Executive Director, 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 severe weather, tornadic activity, and flooding;

ORDER the IDHS Executive Director to coordinate any and all necessary assistance with the 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 1st day of April, 2023.



Eric J. Holcomb
Governor of Indiana



ATTEST: Diego Morales
Secretary of State