

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ 05-25

**FOR:** DECLARING A STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY IN THE STATE OF INDIANA DUE TO THE INFLUX OF EVACUEES FROM AREAS DEVASTATED BY HURRICANE KATRINA

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS

**WHEREAS,** the Gulf Coast states have been devastated by the destructive forces of Hurricane Katrina resulting in the forced relocation of tens of thousands of residents of those states;

**WHEREAS,** many of the evacuees have sought refuge in Indiana;

**WHEREAS,** the continuing influx of evacuees has strained the capacity of state, local and private resources to provide shelter, food, and other necessary services to these displaced individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** the influx of evacuees is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of state and local governments in Indiana and that federal assistance is necessary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.,** 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 the entire State of Indiana and order:

1. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security, having implemented the State Emergency Operations Plan, shall provide needed services to the evacuees relocating to the State of Indiana as a result of the catastrophic events caused by Hurricane Katrina, and shall coordinate the provision of such services with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies and with private and non-profit organizations involved in the hurricane relief effort; and
2. The Executive Director is authorized, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to take such actions as he deems necessary and appropriate in order to draw upon state and local government and private sector resources in Indiana for the purpose of providing needed assistance to these evacuees.

This declaration of disaster emergency was in effect beginning August 29, 2005 and continues.



ATTEST:

*Todd Rokita*  
Todd Rokita  
Secretary of State

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.,** have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 6th day of September, 2005.

*M. E. Daniels, Jr.*  
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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.  
Governor of Indiana