

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

# PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, The state of Indiana recognizes the economic impact of agriculture on Indiana, with commodity agricultural production worth over \$18 billion; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana agriculture is a diverse industry representing livestock, poultry and grain production statewide, as well as diverse crops such as mint production in northern Indiana, melon production in southern Indiana and fruit and vegetable production in all corners of the state; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana plays a vital role in the U.S. renewable fuels industry and has emerged as a national biofuels leader for ethanol and biodiesel which reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy and increases the economic opportunities for Hoosiers; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana agricultural productivity is maintained on over 53,500 Hoosier farms encompassing 14.6 million acres, and includes technologically advanced production systems to meet the global needs for food and fiber now and in the future; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana farmers are committed to land stewardship, installing nearly 1,000 soil and water conservation practices and planting over 1.6 million acres of cover crops across the state in the past year, resulting over 112 million pounds of sediment from entering Hoosier waterways; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana's agriculture productivity is a direct result of partnerships that encompass producers, government, education, agribusiness and commodity and farm organizations who work together to provide quality food and fiber products to preserve our natural resources and to promote rural Indiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim March 19, 2024 as

## AG DAY

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto  
set my hand and cause to be affixed the  
Great Seal of State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 1st  
day of March the year of our  
Lord 2024 and of the Independence  
of the United States 248.*



*Eric J. Holcomb*

BY THE GOVERNOR: \_\_\_\_\_