

# STATE OF INDIANA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 24-08

FOR: DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN GIBSON, POSEY & WARRICK COUNTIES DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER & TORNADIC ACTIVITY

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 is imminent;

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2024, severe weather and tornadic activity caused widespread and severe damage in Gibson and Posey counties, which was followed a few weeks later by severe weather and tornadic activity causing severe damage in Warrick County on July 30, 2024;

WHEREAS, in all three counties, the severe weather resulted in damage and destruction of homes, businesses, infrastructure, and other structures; loss of power; downing of trees and power lines; and damage to or closure of certain roads; and

WHEREAS, immediately following these weather events, state and local officials initiated emergency response activities along with damage assessments which took some time to complete and resulted in a finding that each event exceeds the threshold, and therefore qualifies, for public assistance through the State Disaster Relief Fund, IC § 10-14-4-7, and, accordingly, this executive order is being issued in connection with same;

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 Gibson, Posey and Warrick counties, and, pursuant to Indiana Code § 10-14-3-12, shall continue for 30 days; and

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

*Eric J. Holcomb*

Eric J. Holcomb  
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST: *DIEGO MORALES*

Diego Morales  
Secretary of State