

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER _____ 26-21 _____

**FOR: DECLARING A STATEWIDE DISASTER EMERGENCY DUE TO
FLOODING, SEVERE WEATHER, TORNADIC ACTIVITY, AND A
DERECHO**

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 August 11, 2026, and continuing through August 12, 2026, flooding, severe weather, tornadic activity, and a derecho caused widespread and severe damage across Indiana;

WHEREAS, the severe weather has resulted in damage and destruction of homes, businesses, infrastructure, and other structures; loss of power; downing of trees and power lines; flooding; damage to and closure of roads; and injury; and

WHEREAS, state agencies, local governments, and emergency responders must act in a coordinated and expedited manner to prepare for, respond to, and recover from the impacts of these clustered instances of severe weather.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BRAUN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby:

1. Declare a state of disaster emergency exists, which shall be effective immediately and, pursuant to Indiana Code § 10-14-3-12, shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days;
2. Find that state assistance is necessary to supplement local resources to respond to this disaster;
3. Direct the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to enlist the support of such other state agencies as are needed and also to provide needed emergency services to counties that have been impacted by these events; and
4. Order the IDHS Executive Director to coordinate all necessary assistance with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I, Mike Braun, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 13th day of August, 2026.



Mike Braun
Governor of Indiana



DIEGO MORALES

ATTEST: Diego Morales
Secretary of State