

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

# PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** the rise of downtowns as the central retail and business district during the late 19th and 20th centuries brought great economic growth and change to Indiana cities and towns; and
- WHEREAS,** the decades following World War II brought a decline of the traditional downtown throughout the United States and in Indiana; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana's rural and urban downtowns continue to play a uniquely important role in the economic and social development of their communities exhibiting tremendous diversity in terms of the health of their economies, built environments, and creating a sense of place; and
- WHEREAS,** successful downtown development involves committed public and private sectors, diverse community engagement and creative and dedicated local leaders all working to make Indiana downtowns a major stimulator for economic growth and talent retention; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs is responsible for the coordination of the Indiana Main Street Program tasked with providing programs, technical assistance, and services for not only the current 114 local Main Street organizations but also driving downtown development across the state of Indiana;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb,** Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

## DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT MONTH

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 25th  
day of September the year of our  
Lord 2023 and of the Independence  
of the United States 248.*



*ERIC HOLCOMB*

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