

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** each year, Indiana faces catastrophic events such as flooding, tornadoes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage – or, even worse, total destruction – to private property and homes; and
- WHEREAS,** following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices of some dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs; and
- WHEREAS,** predatory practices ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and
- WHEREAS,** it is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlight the various types of fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Insurance Crime Bureau and the Insurance Institute of Indiana encourages Hoosiers to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Insurance Crime Bureau and the Insurance Institute of Indiana, in collaboration with its local and state partners in Indiana, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating Hoosiers about predatory practices; and
- WHEREAS,** the citizens of Indiana are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the fourth annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week, May 20 – 24, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim May 20-24, 2024 as

CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK

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 16th day of April the year of our Lord 2024 and of the Independence of the United States 248.



Eric J. Holcomb

BY THE GOVERNOR: