

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** invasive aquatic, riparian and terrestrial species influence the productivity, value and management of land and water resources in Indiana; and
- WHEREAS,** the cost to prevent, monitor and control invasive species costs Indiana millions annually; and
- WHEREAS,** after habitat destruction, invasive species are a great threat to biodiversity; and
- WHEREAS,** invasive species threaten the survival of native plants and animals and interfere with ecosystem functions by changing processes like fire, nutrient flow and flooding; and
- WHEREAS,** invasive species impede industry, threaten agriculture, endanger human health and are becoming increasingly harder to control as a result of rapid global commercialization and human travel; and
- WHEREAS,** invasive species are as significant threat to almost half of the native species currently listed as federally endangered;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2019 as**

**INVASIVE SPECIES 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 28th  
day of February the year of our  
Lord 2019 and of the Independence  
of the United States 242.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Eric Holcomb*