

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 February 27-March 5, 2022 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 2nd
day of February the year of our
Lord 2022 and of the Independence
of the United States 246.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Eric Holcomb