

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** warm weather increases outdoor activities, and Hoosiers work and recreate in our woods, yards, fields, and open areas that may be inhabited by ticks carried by wildlife, mice, deer, birds, and domestic animals; and
- WHEREAS,** ticks may carry Lyme disease as well as other bacteria, parasites and viruses; and
- WHEREAS,** Lyme disease is most commonly transmitted through the bite of a tick as small as a poppy seed, infection can occur in less than 24 hours, and infected persons may not have a classic “bullseye” rash; and
- WHEREAS,** current two-tiered testing is only 50 percent accurate, and if not diagnosed early and treated properly, Lyme disease can result in severe and lasting cognitive, neuropsychiatric, and musculoskeletal conditions; and
- WHEREAS,** the national annual incidence of Lyme disease exceeds 300,000 cases and, one out of 30 dogs tested positive for Lyme disease in Indiana in 2017; and
- WHEREAS,** the best protection against tick-borne diseases is prevention, education and early diagnosis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the first week of May 2018 as

LYME AND TICK-BORNE DISEASE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION 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 April the year of our
Lord 2018 and of the Independence
of the United States 242.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Eric Holcomb