

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** the State is committed to fostering a community that promotes equity, fairness, respect, adherence to the law and effective resolution of disputes within a richly diverse population; and
- WHEREAS,** disagreements, conflicts, complaints and questions will inevitably arise in any government; and
- WHEREAS,** ombudsmen work in a wide variety of organizations within the State of Indiana and worldwide including universities and colleges, governments at all levels, healthcare institutions, corporations, financial institutions, for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, the media and international organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** today's ombudsmen are confidential, independent and impartial conflict management professionals who work to address individual and systemic issues outside of and complementary to formal channels such as human resources, grievances, complaints and legal action; and
- WHEREAS,** the State acknowledges the numerous benefits of providing informal and confidential channels for addressing issues such as policy violations, safety, communication and unethical behavior; and
- WHEREAS,** ombudsmen provide highly valued conflict resolution services to the State with the following offices: the Department of Child Services Ombudsman, the Department of Corrections Ombudsman, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Ombudsman;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2020 as

OMBUDSMAN DAY

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 23rd
day of September the year of our
Lord 2020 and of the Independence
of the United States 245.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Eric Holcomb