

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

# PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** Vitiligo is an autoimmune disease, causing loss of pigment from areas of the skin, resulting in irregular white spots or patches; and
- WHEREAS,** Vitiligo affects about 1% of the population and can start at any age. It affects both genders and all races and ethnicities; and
- WHEREAS,** Vitiligo is not contagious in any way. Though the condition is not usually physically painful, the psychological and social effects are well-documented. It can be especially devastating to children and those with darker skin; and
- WHEREAS,** there is very little funding for vitiligo research to better understand the disease and develop new treatments; and
- WHEREAS,** community support, education and advocacy are needed for people with vitiligo as well as awareness to prevent bullying and discrimination of people with vitiligo;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb,** Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2021 as

## VITILIGO AWARENESS 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 11th  
day of May the year of our  
Lord 2021 and of the Independence  
of the United States 245.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Eric Holcomb*