STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER

25-53

FOR:

INCREASING STATE ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ASSET VERIFICATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana provides temporary nutritional assistance through the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program ("SNAP") to truly needy families;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State of Indiana to verify the income and resource eligibility of Hoosiers seeking benefits from SNAP;

WHEREAS, data from the United States Department of Agriculture for fiscal year 2023 indicates that Indiana had an ten point forty-six percent (10.46%) improper payment rate for SNAP; and

WHEREAS, government policies must safeguard the integrity of SNAP by deterring waste, fraud, and abuse and ensuring taxpayer funds are preserved for the truly needy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BRAUN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

- 1. The Family Social Services Administration ("FSSA") shall take all necessary steps to ensure that all households undergo an asset test to determine eligibility for SNAP.
- 2. FSSA shall take all necessary steps to limit expanded categorical eligibility for the SNAP under Indiana Code § 12-14-30-4 to households receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Family ("TANF")-funded cash assistance, work supports, childcare assistance, or households participating in TANF-funded work, education, or training programs.
- 3. The Secretary of FSSA shall also develop recommendations to streamline and make more predictable the asset verification process for SNAP, including, but not limited to, the integration of digital data verification solutions and exemptions for certain assets that are required to reasonably and meaningfully comply with work requirements.
- 4. The Secretary of FSSA shall provide quarterly progress reports to the Governor and the Secretary of Health and Family Services until the directives in this Executive Order have been fully implemented.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I,

Mike Braun, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 15th day of April, 2025.

Mike Braun

Governor of Indiana

ATTEST:

Diego Morales Secretary of State

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