

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-65

**FOR: CONTINUING THE SERVE INDIANA COMMISSION AS A
DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, Hoosiers can benefit from a comprehensive and coordinated effort to improve and strengthen the State of Indiana's volunteerism and community service infrastructure, maximize the utilization of available resources, and cultivate volunteer service opportunities that address the State's pressing needs;

WHEREAS, volunteer service provides Hoosiers a means by which to learn new skills and identify new employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, out of work Hoosiers who participate in community service and volunteerism increase their chances of obtaining employment by almost thirty percent (30%);

WHEREAS, Department of Workforce Development ("DWD") was established under Indiana Code § 22-4.1-2-1 with the mission to advance and cultivate economic growth by building a world-class workforce development system in the State of Indiana through partnership and practice;

WHEREAS, 42 U.S. Code § 12638 requires a State establish a commission on national and community service to be eligible to receive certain federal grants; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 17-10 established Serve Indiana with the objective of increasing community service in the state, promoting innovative and model programs and best practices to groups and organizations in this field, provide assistance with federal volunteerism grants and programs, and much more;

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 Office of Faith-Based and Community Service Initiatives created under Executive Order 05-16 shall be continued as Serve Indiana, which under Executive Order 14-07 was made a division of DWD and shall be continued as such.
2. The Commissioner of DWD shall continue to be authorized and directed to organize Serve Indiana in such a manner as the Commissioner deems necessary or appropriate to achieve the objectives set forth in this Executive Order.
3. Serve Indiana shall continue to:
 - a. Prepare a three-year national service plan as called for under the National and Community Service Act of 1993;
 - b. Develop and implement a comprehensive, statewide plan for promoting volunteer involvement and citizen participation in Indiana with the advice and assistance of the Serve Indiana Commission;
 - c. Apply for funding to the Corporation for National and Community Service ("CNCS"), also referred to as AmeriCorps, and other entities that administer federal grants to support the objectives established by Serve Indiana for faith-based and community-based service and volunteer programs;

- d. Provide to all applicants under the National and Community Service State and/or AmeriCorps Grant Programs and other federal programs the services required by, and select grantees under, such guidelines as may be specified by those federal programs and applicable law;
 - e. Work closely with faith-based and community-based groups and charitable organizations, and help charities, voluntary associations, education entities, and other nonprofit service organizations to promote volunteerism and community service;
 - f. Provide technical assistance, education, information, and other support to faith-based and community-based groups and organizations to improve and strengthen the State's volunteerism and community service infrastructure;
 - g. Promote innovative and model programs and initiatives and share best practices among such groups and organizations; and
 - h. Coordinate Serve Indiana activities with those of any federally administered service programs to ensure that services are not duplicated.
- 4. The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism ("ICCSV") shall be continued as the Serve Indiana Commission ("Commission") under the DWD.
- 5. The Commission shall consist of members who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields, and who share the common goals of encouraging community service and volunteer participation as a means of community and state problem-solving. The following terms shall apply to the members of the Commission:
 - a. Members of the Commission shall be appointed on a bipartisan basis and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. To the maximum extent practicable, membership on the Commission shall be diverse with respect to race, ethnicity, age, gender, and disability characteristics. Not more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting members of the Commission, plus one additional member, may be from the same political party.
 - b. The Governor shall appoint members to the Commission for three-year terms.
 - c. Not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the Commission members may be employees of state government, though additional state agency representatives may sit on the Commission as non-voting, ex officio member(s).
 - d. Vacancies among the members shall be filled by the Governor to serve for the remainder of the vacated term.
 - e. Members of the Commission are entitled to reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred in performing Commission duties as permitted by guidelines issued by the State Budget Agency.
 - f. The Commission shall meet the composition and membership requirements of 42 U.S. Code § 12638 and 45 C.F.R. § 2550.50 and consist of no fewer than fifteen (15) and no more than twenty-five (25) voting members, including:
 - i. An individual with expertise in the educational, training, and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth;
 - ii. An individual with experience in promoting the involvement of older adults in service and voluntarism;
 - iii. A representative of community-based agencies or community-based organizations within the State;
 - iv. The head of the State educational agency, or a designee;
 - v. A representative of local governments in the State;
 - vi. A representative of local labor organizations in the State;
 - vii. A representative of business;

- viii. An individual between the ages of 16 and 25 who is a participant or supervisor in a program;
- ix. A representative of a national service program described in subsection (a), (b), or (c) of 42 U.S. Code § 12572; and
- x. A representative of the volunteer sector.
- g. The Commission may include as voting members the following individuals:
 - i. Members selected from among local educators;
 - ii. Members selected from among experts in the delivery of human, educational, environmental, or public safety services to communities and persons;
 - iii. Representative of Indian tribes;
 - iv. Members selected from among out-of-school youth or other at-risk youth; and
 - v. Representatives of entities that receive assistance under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S. Code § 4950 *et seq.*); and
- h. The Chairperson of the Commission shall be elected by voting members of the Commission. Additional officers of the Commission may be selected by the duly appointed members according to the by-laws established by the Commission.

6. The Commission shall:

- a. Be responsive to the guidelines and requests from the CNCS;
- b. Select grantees under guidelines specified by the CNCS;
- c. Apply to the CNCS for funding in support of their strategic plan and the priorities of the Governor;
- d. Coordinate Commission activities with those of any federally administered service program such as VISTA and Senior Corps to ensure that the services are complementary, and not duplicated; and
- e. Provide all applicants services required by the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 and the Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009.

7. The Commission shall meet as determined by the duly appointed members according to the by-laws established by the Commission.



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 17th day
of June, 2025.



Mike Braun
Governor of Indiana

DIEGO MORALES

ATTEST: Diego Morales
Secretary of State