Eric Holcomb

Eric Holcomb is the 51st Lieutenant Governor of Indiana and the Republican nominee for Governor of Indiana.

A life-long Hoosier, he is a veteran of the United States Navy, was a trusted advisor to both Governor Mitch Daniels and Senator Dan Coats and a former state chairman of the Indiana Republican Party.

He was nominated to serve as Lt. Governor by Governor Mike Pence on March 2, 2016, and was confirmed by the General Assembly and sworn into office on March 3, 2016. On July 15, 2016, following Governor Pence's withdrawal from the ballot, Eric joined the race for governor.

Throughout his career in public and political service, Eric has earned a reputation of being a consensus builder. He has traveled extensively around the state to build support for various initiatives including, but not limited to, Indiana's property tax caps and Major Moves.

As Lt. Governor, Eric oversees a varied and diversified portfolio that includes the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, the Office of Defense Development, the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the Office of Tourism Development and the Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship. He also serves as chairman of the Indiana Counter Terrorism and Security Council and President of the Indiana Senate, where he presides over the chamber during each year's legislative session.

Prior to kicking off his campaign for the U.S. Senate in February 2015, Eric served as State Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Dan Coats. In this role, Eric was the Senator's main point of contact for constituents as well as legislators and local elected officials and he served as a surrogate for the senator at events across the state. Prior to that assignment, he was state chairman of the Indiana Republican Party and, as such, a member of the Republican National Committee.

Eric was a key member of Governor Mitch Daniels' administration, holding various positions from the campaign kick-off in 2003 until the governor left office in 2011. These included serving as deputy chief of staff in the official office, managing Governor Daniels' landslide 2008 re-election, and overseeing the governor's state political action committee, Aiming Higher.

Eric has experience at the district and local levels, as well, managing successful campaigns for U.S. Congressman John Hostettler, serving as the Congressman's official district director, and conducting a mayoral race in Vincennes, where he lived at the time.

He is the author of the book, "Leading the Revolution," which outlined the successes of the Mitch Daniels approach to campaigning and governing.

Eric is a graduate of Pike High School in Indianapolis and Hanover College in southeastern Indiana where he majored in U.S. History with a focus on the American Civil War and the Reconstruction Era. A student of history, he is a collector of presidential signatures and currently has documents signed by 40 of our nation's 44 presidents.

He is a member of the Indiana Farm Bureau, the National Federation of Independent Business, the Indianapolis WWII Round Table, the American Legion, Post 777; and is a board member of the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site..

He and his wife, Janet, live with their dog, Henry, on the northwest side of Indianapolis.