

Governor Eric Holcomb Eric was elected Indiana's 51st governor in 2016 after a historic, whirlwind 106-day campaign. And he's kept the pedal to the metal ever since.

From day one of his administration, Eric has been laser focused on the five pillars of his Next Level agenda: strengthening our economy, strengthening our infrastructure, strengthening our education and workforce training systems, improving public health and providing excellent government service at a great value to taxpayers.

Under Eric's leadership, Indiana set a record for new job commitments in 2017, a record he broke in 2018. In 2019, Indiana welcomed the highest average hourly wage for new jobs in state history. Eric has tripled foreign direct investment into Indiana and has opened new overseas markets for Hoosier-made goods. Due in large part to expanding Indiana's standing on the global stage, the International Center named Eric its 2018 International Citizen of the Year.

Understanding that being the Crossroads of America is mission, not just a motto, Eric set out to improve Indiana's infrastructure for decades to come. His Next Level Roads plan is the only long-term, fully funded roads and bridges program in the country. Eric also leveraged the Indiana Toll Road to secure an additional \$1 billion in outside revenue to launch Next Level Connections, a program focused on completing I-69, bringing affordable, high-speed internet to rural areas and building out the state's trails network. CNBC named Indiana's infrastructure best in the nation in 2019.

Governor Holcomb calls workforce development the "defining issue of the decade." Preparing Hoosiers at all stages of their careers for the high-wage, high-demand jobs that are already available—and keep coming to Indiana—is why Eric created the Next Level Jobs program. To date, over 10,000 Hoosiers have received free job training to skill up for a new career. Eric also introduced The Last Mile to the Indiana Department of Correction to reduce recidivism and prepare offenders for productive lives upon release. He's also invested \$1.2 billion in NEW dollars in K-12 education, introduced computer science to all K-12 public schools, expanded pre-K opportunities and assisted local school districts in increasing teacher compensation. The governor's record of expanding job training for all Hoosiers and attracting high-tech jobs to Indiana contributed to TechPoint's decision to award him the 2019 Mira Trailblazer Award.

Eric started attacking Indiana's drug epidemic on day one of his administration, creating the office of Drug Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement as the very first official act of his governorship. Indiana overdose deaths declined 13%, 1.6 million more Hoosiers now have access to addiction treatment, and hundreds of pounds of meth and fentanyl have been seized by Indiana law enforcement. Governor Holcomb's effectiveness in addressing the state's opioid and addiction crises were recognized in 2019 when he was honored with the Richard M. Fairbanks Circle of Hope Award.

Substance abuse isn't the only area where Indiana, sadly, lagged. Governor Holcomb recognized that our infant mortality rates were too high and made it his goal to have Indiana tops in the Midwest for infant mortality by 2024. This leadership has led to declines in infant mortality throughout the state.

Of course, the world changed in March of 2020 with the onset of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Eric has led our state with a comprehensive, data-driven response to the pandemic that's placed Hoosiers' health and safety first. His sound fiscal management allowed Indiana to brunt some of the impact of the pandemic and now we're safely and responsibly reopening Indiana with the governor's Back on Track plan.

Eric's career has been dedicated to making Indiana the best place in the nation to live, work, play, and stay. And now as your governor, he's working to build One Indiana for All. Whether it's his service to Hoosiers alongside Governor Mitch Daniels, Senator Dan Coats, or Governor Mike Pence (now our Vice President!), Eric has earned a reputation as a consensus-builder.

Eric is a graduate of Pike High School in Indianapolis and Hanover College. He is a former state chairman of the Indiana Republican Party and 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, First Lady Janet Holcomb, and their dog, First Dog Henry Holcomb, live in the Governor's Residence in Indianapolis.