STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 05-2015

EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA INFORMATION SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, cyber-attacks have increased significantly providing evidence that cyber security needs to be strengthened to guard against threats to state information systems;

WHEREAS, we protect against crimes on our streets, we must also work to defend Montana citizen information from cyber threats ranging from identity theft to consumer fraud to threats to our physical infrastructure;

WHEREAS, major cyber-attacks on both public and private systems serve as a warning to all levels of government that they must do all that they can to protect critical cyber infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the significant and continued growth of cyber-attacks against state and local governments makes cybersecurity a critical issue for Montana. Recent events have increased the need to enhance security programs, processes, and support in this key area of business to protect citizen information; and,

WHEREAS, per MCA 2-15-114 each department head is responsible for ensuring an adequate level of security for all data within their department.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby establish a State of Montana Information Security Advisory Council (hereinafter, "Council") as provided in this Executive Order.

PURPOSE:
The purpose of the Council is to advise the Governor with respect to a statewide strategic information security program. The Council shall:

- Develop an interagency information security strategy with initiatives, priorities, policies, standards, and roles and responsibilities to enhance the State information security posture;
- Recommend resources (funding, people, etc) and possible methods to obtain them, in order to enhance the State information security posture;
- Provide a yearly information security assessment to the governor showing program successes and shortcomings with a plan to address shortcomings;

- Establish a communications procedure for receiving input from and sharing information with the public and the various agencies;
- Support a statewide security training program to serve technical and managerial needs;
- Advise on security requirements in the specifications for solicitation of state contracts for procuring information technology resources;
- Provide technical and managerial assistance relating to information technology security;
- Recommend appropriate cost-effective safeguards to reduce, eliminate, or recover from identified threats to data; and,
- Conduct internal evaluations of the statewide security program.

The Council may adopt procedures related to its interface with the Information Technology Board (ITB) and the Information Technology Management Council (ITMC) and other matters that fall within its purpose, as set forth above. The Council's procedures may not conflict with law or any court order, and any procedures adopted by the Council must be approved by the Governor.

COMPOSITION:

The Council members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor until 2019.

The Council shall be comprised of 10-15 members, representing the various agencies, universities, and local governments that have an interest in cyber security.

The Council members shall be appointed from the following categories:

1. State Chief Information Officer
2. State Homeland Security Advisor
3. MATIC Representative from Department of Military Affairs
4. State Government agencies
5. Universities
6. Local governments
7. State Legislature
8. General public

The Governor shall appoint a chair and the Department of Administration (DOA) will provide administrative support for the Council.

The names of the Council members are submitted by separate letter to the DOA.

The Council may establish procedural bylaws to aid in the performance of its duties.

The Council may establish subcommittees comprised of members of the Council or their representatives to aid it in the performance of its duties.

The order is effective immediately. The Council shall exist for a period of four years from the effective Date.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 12th day of June 2015.

STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:

LINDA MCCULLOCH, Secretary of State