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GOVERNOR OTTER ISSUES EXECUTIVE ORDER ENACTING CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter signed an executive order today enacting the recommendations of his Cybersecurity Task Force. They include appointing a "Director of Information Security" to lead efforts to detect, identify and thwart hacks on the State of Idaho's computer networks.

The Cybersecurity Task Force was created in July 2015 and led by Lieutenant Governor Brad Little. It included State agency directors and specialists from the private sector.

"I appreciate the diligence and hard work of the members of the Task Force in addressing this critical and urgent issue," Governor Otter said. "We learned this past year, firsthand, just how real the threat of cyberattacks is when the Department of Fish and Game's licensing vendor was hacked. Having a comprehensive plan to protect the personal information of our citizens must be a top priority."

In developing the recommendations contained in Executive Order 2017-02, the Task Force worked with business and industry experts, counterparts from other states, and national cybersecurity specialists. Its recommendations are aimed at supporting State agencies in implementing national best practices in cybersecurity. They also address the need for employee education and training and call for development of a public outreach program to share best practices and up-to-date information.

"This is not a quick fix or a one-time solution. Addressing cyber threats will require a focused, ongoing effort to match the ever-changing technology landscape,"

Lieutenant Governor Little said. "However, I'm confident that the Task Force's recommendations will lay the foundation for heightened awareness and appropriate preventative measures to protect our State government cyber capabilities and the privacy of all Idahoans."

The search for a Director of Information Security will begin after the Legislature has considered funding for the position, which will report directly to the Governor.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2017-02

FINDINGS OF THE IDAHO CYBERSECURITY CABINET TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2015-07 established the Idaho Cybersecurity Task Force (Task Force) to detect and identify threats and vulnerabilities in state government networks; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2015-07 directed the Task Force to make recommendations on best practices to manage and reduce cyber risks; and

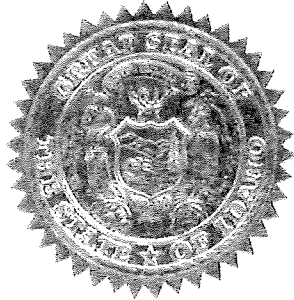
WHEREAS, the members of the Task Force have met with national experts, business and industry experts and counterparts in other states to understand best practices in cybersecurity; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has finalized a list of initial recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of this state, do hereby order:

- 1. The appointment of a Director of Information Security reporting directly to the Governor to oversee implementation of statewide cybersecurity policies, ensure compliance with this executive order, and develop a potential audit process.*
- 2. All state agencies to immediately adopt and to implement by June 30, 2017, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework in order to better foster risk and cybersecurity management communications and decision making with both internal and external organizational stakeholders.*
- 3. All executive branch agencies to implement the first five (5) Center for Internet Security Critical Security Controls (CIS Controls) for evaluation of existing state systems by June 30, 2018. Updates on adoption of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework and implementation of CIS Controls will be included in each agency's strategic plan submission to the Division of Financial Management (DFM).*
- 4. The State Department of Administration to facilitate annual penetration tests and annual vulnerability scans on state technology systems in order to identify steps to mitigate identified risks. All reports generated from these activities should be made available to the Director of Information Security.*
- 5. The State Division of Human Resources, in conjunction with all executive branch agencies, to compile and review cybersecurity curriculum for mandatory education and training of state employees, and to determine appropriate levels of training for various classifications of state employees.*
- 6. All executive branch agencies to develop employee education and training plans and submit such plans within 90 days of the issuance of this executive order to the Director of Information Security. The plans shall describe how existing and new state employees will receive the statewide mandatory education and training module on cybersecurity before being granted access to state systems.*
- 7. All executive branch agencies to require that all state employees complete the state's annual cybersecurity training commensurate with their highest level of information access and core work responsibilities.*

8. *The State Department of Administration, in collaboration with the Director of Information Security and the Idaho Office of Emergency Management, to create, coordinate, publish, routinely update and market a statewide cybersecurity website as an information repository for intelligence sharing and cybersecurity best practices.*
9. *The Director of Information Security, in order to promote the cyber resiliency of the entire State of Idaho, to develop a public outreach program for local government, private business and Idaho citizens to share best practices and current information regarding cybersecurity.*
10. *All public-facing state agency websites to include a link to the statewide cybersecurity website— www.cybersecurity.idaho.gov.*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 16th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-seventh.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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