



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER
01.01.2017.22

MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY

- WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is susceptible to a wide range of threats and hazards, including the threat of a cyber-hazards and/or other cyberattacks (“Cyber-hazards”) on the Executive Branch of State government (“State Government”);
- WHEREAS, It is necessary for State Government to maintain and constantly improve plans to combat that threat and to implement such plans effectively;
- WHEREAS, The Governor’s Office of Homeland Security was created by Executive Order 01.01.2003.18 to “... direct homeland security efforts across State Government and coordinate with federal and local government, private sector, academia and the public to find solutions that ensure public safety while protecting individual freedoms...”;
- WHEREAS, The Governor’s Office of Homeland Security is best suited to coordinate, improve and implement cybersecurity plans, by working with State Government units and agencies, including the Department of Information Technology (“DoIt”), the Maryland Military Department (the “Military”) and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (“MEMA”), and to seek input and information from other sources, including other branches of State government, the federal government, the private sector and academia; and
- WHEREAS, Such plans should consider and incorporate as appropriate the recommendations of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council, as set forth in its Activities Reports, and in the Cyber Disruption Contingency Plan prepared by DoIt and MEMA in April 2017;

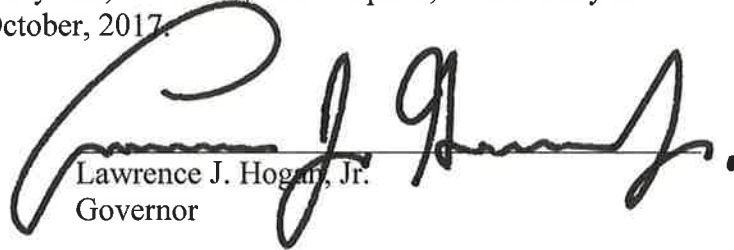
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER INVESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, DECLARE THE FOLLOWING, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. The responsibility to maintain and improve a cybersecurity plan for State Government (the “Cybersecurity Plan”), pursuant to Section 14-106 of the Public Safety Article, is hereby delegated to the Director of Homeland Security or the Director’s designee (the “Director”).
- B. The Cybersecurity Plan shall improve the processes and procedures designed to shield State Government from Cyber-hazards, and to manage and minimize the consequences of such Cyber-hazards.
- C. In order to maintain and improve the Cybersecurity Plan, the Director shall:
 - 1. Coordinate with State Government units and agencies, including but not limited to DoIt, the Military and MEMA. All such State Government units and agencies are directed to provide support, analysis and collaboration, as requested, by the Director, including by making personnel and resources available.
 - 2. Consult with other branches, units and instrumentalities of State government, including but not limited to, the General Assembly, the Judiciary Department, the Attorney General’s Office, the Treasury Department, and the Comptroller, to share information and analyze existing plans and best practices for cybersecurity for their mutual benefit.
 - 3. Consult with the private sector and academia, as necessary, to maintain, improve and implement the Cybersecurity Plan.
 - 4. Consider and incorporate, where appropriate, the recommendations made in the Maryland Cybersecurity Council’s Activities Reports and in DoIt’s and MEMA’s Cyber Disruption Contingency Plan.
- D. The responsibility to oversee the implementation of the Cybersecurity Plan, pursuant to Section 14-106 of the Public Safety Article, is hereby delegated to the Director. All State Government units and agencies, including but not limited to DoIt, the Military and MEMA, are directed to assist the Director in such implementation, including by providing the Director with access to all personnel and resources as may be necessary, as determined by the Director.

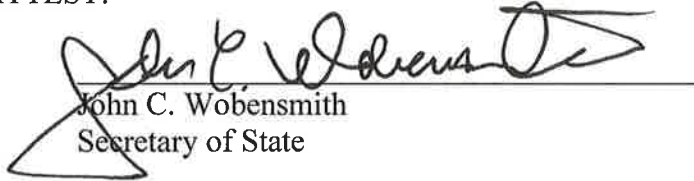
E. The draft Cybersecurity Plan is subject to review or revision by the Governor and shall be presented to the Governor by the end of May 2018.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 5th Day of October, 2017.




Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:


John C. Wobensmith
Secretary of State