



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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RHODE ISLAND CYBERSECURITY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, as our economy continues to transform in the Information Age, we grow increasingly reliant on technology, which exposes our computer networks and information systems to the risk of cyber-attacks; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island must find ways to improve and protect infrastructure, information, and operations in both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, the challenges presented by the Information Age also present opportunities for business and workforce development as our economy evolves and markets are established that require new products, services, and skills; and

WHEREAS, regular collaboration among government, private sector, and academic leaders will create a mutually beneficial environment that positions the State to improve its cyber defenses and to capitalize on the opportunity to grow a thriving cybersecurity sector; and

WHEREAS, the State must identify ways to encourage and support the efforts of educational institutions and the private sector to research and develop innovative solutions and cyber products to secure our critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the State must cultivate a culture of cyber vigilance within State government by providing cybersecurity awareness training to all State employees; and

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WHEREAS, the State must develop strategies and protections to minimize the impact of cyber disruptions and to improve the resiliency of government and private sector operations.

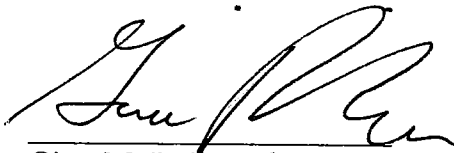
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby order as follows:

1. There shall be established a Rhode Island Cybersecurity Commission (“Commission”). The members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members shall include:
  - a. One representative from each of the following:
    - i. Emergency Management Agency
    - ii. Rhode Island National Guard
    - iii. Department of Public Safety
    - iv. Department of Business Regulation
    - v. Office of Digital Excellence
    - vi. Executive Office of Commerce
  - b. One representative from each of the following public sector entities:
    - i. Municipal entity
    - ii. Quasi-public agency
  - c. At least one representative from each of the following private sector industries in Rhode Island:
    - i. Defense
    - ii. Financial services
    - iii. Information technology
    - iv. Energy
  - d. At least three representatives from research institutions in Rhode Island.
  - e. The Governor shall designate one member to serve as Chair. The Chair will have authority to convene meetings and oversee the development of the action plans.
  - f. The Governor may designate any other members deemed appropriate to serve on the Commission.
2. The Commission shall perform the following functions:
  - a. By October 1, 2015, draft and submit an action plan to the Governor on the steps the State should take to foster the resiliency of State government operations. As part of this effort, the Commission shall:
    - i. Establish a process to regularly assess cybersecurity infrastructure and activities within all executive branch agencies.

- ii. Identify cybersecurity awareness training needs for State employees.
    - iii. Identify gaps and opportunities to educate the public on ways to prevent cybersecurity attacks and protect the public's personal information.
    - iv. Create a framework for coordinated responses, simulation testing, and mutual assistance by executive branch agencies and the private sector to cyber incidents.
    - v. Examine best practices in states around the country and evaluate whether they should be adopted in Rhode Island.
  - b. By December 1, 2015, draft and submit an action plan to the Governor on the steps the State should take to support the growth of a cybersecurity industry and workforce. As part of this effort, the Commission shall:
    - i. Conduct an assessment of the current cybersecurity workforce development and education activities in the State, including curricula, certificates, and training credits offered.
    - ii. Inventory existing businesses in the cybersecurity industry within the State.
    - iii. Survey public and private institutions of higher education on cybersecurity related research and development activities.
    - iv. Determine barriers to expanding workforce and business development opportunities and provide recommendations on eliminating those barriers.
    - v. Examine best practices in states around the country and evaluate whether they should be adopted in Rhode Island.
3. The Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency shall provide staff support for the Commission.
4. The Commission shall report to the Governor as needed.

This order shall take effect immediately.

So Ordered:



Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Dated: 5/7/15