STATE OF DELAWARE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER FIFTY-FIVE

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DELAWARE CYBER SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

WHEREAS, as we aim to protect our citizens against physical attacks we must also work to defend Delawareans from cyber threats ranging from identity theft, consumer fraud, to physical infrastructure threats; and

WHEREAS, major cyber-attacks on both public and private systems serve as warnings to increase protection of critical cyber infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, cybersecurity attacks, including data breaches, corporate theft, and sabotage perpetrated by state and non-state actors throughout the world present unique threats to Delaware residents, governments, businesses, and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, statewide coordination is required to effectively ensure cybersecurity protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JACK A. MARKELL, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order the following:

1. The Delaware Cyber Security Advisory Council (hereinafter, "DCSAC") is hereby established as the central interface for coordinating cybersecurity information sharing between and among the public and private sectors.

2. The DCSAC shall consist of no fewer than 11 members which shall include the following:

    a. State Chief Information Officer, who shall serve as chair;

b. State Chief Security Officer, or designee appointed by the State Chief Information Officer;

c. Secretary of the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security;

d. Director of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency, or designee appointed by the Secretary of the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security;

e. The Adjutant General of the Delaware National Guard;

f. President of the League of Local Governments;

g. President of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce;

h. At least three (3) private sector representatives appointed by the Governor;

i. A representative of Higher Education appointed by the Governor; and

j. Such other persons as the Governor may appoint.

3. Unless otherwise stated, all members of the DCSAC serving by virtue of position may appoint a designee to serve in their stead. All members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

4. The DCSAC shall:

   a. Facilitate cross-industry collaboration to share best practices and mitigate cyber security risks related to critical infrastructure and protected systems;

   b. Develop recommendations for improving the overall cyber security posture across all sectors in Delaware;

   c. Develop recommendations for increasing information sharing between all sectors in Delaware;

   d. Recommend resources (funding, people, etc.) and possible methods to accomplish the recommendations above; and

   e. Provide recommendations to the Delaware Homeland Security Advisory Council created by Executive Order Twenty-One dated October 12, 2010,

regarding the interoperability of equipment, technologies, and software infrastructure related to the cyberattacks and cybersecurity.

5. The DCSAC shall identify and may participate in appropriate federal, multi-state, or private sector programs and efforts that support or complement its cybersecurity mission.

6. The DCSAC may liaise with the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center within the United States Department of Homeland Security, other federal agencies, and other public and private sector entities on issues relating to cybersecurity.

7. The Delaware Department of Technology and Information ("DTI") shall provide staff and fiscal support to the DCSAC as part of DTI's ongoing responsibility.

8. The DCSAC shall provide a report of its activities and any recommendations annually to the Office of the Governor on a yearly basis.

APPROVED this 28th **day of** October**, 2015**

Jack Markell

Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State