

Executive Order No. 2017-08

WHEREAS, as the State's chief magistrate, commander-in-chief, and supreme executive authority, it is the responsibility of the Governor of the State of South Carolina to protect the citizens of South Carolina from foreign and domestic threats and, as such, to promote and implement initiatives to increase our State's cybersecurity; and

WHEREAS, the State must protect its critical infrastructure and key resources ("CIKR") from sophisticated cyber threats in order to maintain the stability of our State's economic and commercial activity and ensure the health, safety, and well-being of its citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the State must take proactive measures to develop and implement a comprehensive, strategic, and sustainable framework for addressing future cyber threats, attacks, and disruptions to the State's CIKR; and

WHEREAS, facilitating regular collaboration among State and Federal government agencies and public- and private-sector organizations will aid the State in further developing and improving its CIKR protections against sophisticated cyber threats; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division ("SLED"), the South Carolina Department of Administration, the Military Department of South Carolina, and the South Carolina Attorney General's Office formed the South Carolina Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Working Group ("Working Group"); and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Working Group was to document the strategic framework for the creation of a collaborative effort among cybersecurity professionals in government, private industry, and academia that will develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive program and operational effort to evaluate and enhance the State's CIKR cybersecurity posture ("SC CIC Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Working Group recommended developing a prioritized plan to incorporate cybersecurity risk management practices for the State's critical infrastructure into existing programs and coordinate the State's CIKR cybersecurity endeavors through SLED's Office of Homeland Security and fusion center; and

WHEREAS, the State must use its resources in an efficient manner to prevent unproductive competition for limited resources; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2016, the Working Group published a report, titled "Critical Infrastructure Protection: An Overview of Cybersecurity State Government Efforts in South Carolina" ("Critical Infrastructure Protection Report"), which specifically identifies certain cybersecurity gaps pertaining to the State's CIKR; and

WHEREAS, the Working Group thereafter developed a plan to address the Critical Infrastructure Protection Report's findings and, in September 2016, published the "South Carolina Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Strategic Plan" ("Plan"), which articulates and proposes a strategic framework for initiating and operationalizing the SC CIC Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, I hereby approve the Plan, as modified and amended herein, and establish the South Carolina Critical Infrastructure

Cybersecurity Executive Oversight Group (“Executive Oversight Group”), which shall be constituted and shall execute its duties and responsibilities as set forth below:

1. **Mission.** The Executive Oversight Group shall serve as the task force under the Plan and shall execute the SC CIC Program, which will focus on sharing cybersecurity information and preventing cyber threats, incidents, or attacks affecting the State’s CIKR and analyzing, protecting, responding to, mitigating, and recovering from the effects and consequences of any such incidents or attacks on the State’s CIKR to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of South Carolina’s citizens and businesses.

2. **Membership.** The Executive Oversight Group shall consist of the following individuals or officials, or their designees, all of whom shall report to and serve at the pleasure of the Governor:

- a. The Governor of the State of South Carolina or an employee or official from the Office of the Governor;
- b. Chief of SLED;
- c. Director of the South Carolina Department of Administration;
- d. The State of South Carolina’s Chief Information Security Officer; and
- e. One (1) Cyber Executive, designated by the Chief of SLED, upon consultation with the Office of the Governor, to lead the SC CIC Program at the direction of the Executive Oversight Group.

The Executive Oversight Group shall be governed and conduct itself as follows:

- a. The Governor or his designee shall designate the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Oversight Group;
- b. The Executive Oversight Group shall act as an advisory committee to the Governor on various cybersecurity matters that affect the State’s CIKR;
- c. The Cyber Executive may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Oversight Group, appoint or engage, on an *ad hoc* basis, additional individuals or officials, including representatives from academia, S.C. Cyber, and other public- or private-sector agencies or organizations, to serve in an advisory capacity or otherwise counsel the Executive Oversight Group, or any portion thereof, on certain cybersecurity-related issues affecting the State’s CIKR; and
- d. As necessary and appropriate, the Executive Oversight Group may, upon approval of the Governor or his designee, pursue, engage, and retain consultants, advisors, auditors, and specialists to provide information or advice, develop strategic plans, or otherwise assist in connection with the Mission of the Executive Oversight Group.

3. **Duties and Responsibilities.** The Executive Oversight Group shall initiate and implement Phases One and Two of the Plan, as amended and as funding from the General Assembly becomes available, and operationalize, mobilize, and administer, with the assistance of the Cyber Executive, the SC CIC Program.

This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL
2017.**

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor