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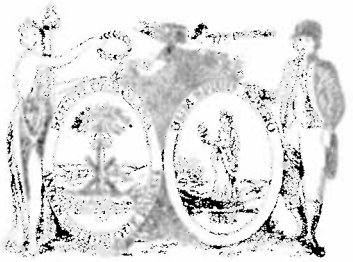

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2012-12

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2012, the State Inspector General and state agencies initiated a comprehensive review of the State's information technology policy for security procedures and protocols; and

WHEREAS, the State Inspector General is collaborating with the Division of State Information Technology of the Budget and Control Board to identify weaknesses in current statewide cyber-security systems, to include vulnerabilities to internal and external cyber-attacks, and develop a holistic strategy to improve information security; and

WHEREAS, while the State Inspector General will develop recommendations for long-term strategies to strengthen security procedures and protocols, immediate steps can be taken to reinforce network monitoring systems in state agencies to watch data flow and identify unusual events and viruses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby direct all cabinet agencies to immediately collaborate with the Division of State Information Technology to implement stronger network monitoring capabilities to include twenty-four hour a day monitoring, intervention and interruption of unusual events and viruses.

FURTHER, I encourage all non-cabinet agencies to immediately collaborate with the Division of State Information Technology to identify weaknesses in current network monitoring services and implement stronger monitoring services where needed.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2012.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE