

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 178

WHEREAS, protecting the citizens and public and private institutions within the State of New Jersey from the threat of cybersecurity attacks is a priority of this Administration; and

WHEREAS, numerous personal, commercial, and governmental transactions within and through the State of New Jersey are accomplished using electronic means on a daily basis; 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 New Jersey's citizens, governments, businesses, and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, statewide coordination is required to effectively ensure cybersecurity and preparedness; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public and private sectors share a mutual interest in the maintenance of a secure cyberspace; and

WHEREAS, creating a New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell as an Information Sharing and Analysis Organization authorized to coordinate cybersecurity information sharing and analysis across all levels of government, agencies, authorities, and the private sector pursuant to 6 U.S.C. § 133 et seq. will allow for collaboration on issues involving cybersecurity; and

WHEREAS, formally establishing a New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell as the first Information Sharing and Analysis Organization of its kind will greatly enhance the safety, security, and preparedness of the State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the

Constitution and the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell ("NJCCIC") is established as the central State civilian interface for coordinating cybersecurity information sharing, performing cybersecurity threat analysis, and promoting shared and real-time situational awareness between and among the public and private sectors.

2. The NJCCIC shall coordinate information sharing related to cybersecurity risks, warnings, and incidents, and may provide support regarding cybersecurity incident response as well as cyber crime investigations.

3. The NJCCIC shall provide information and recommend best practices concerning cybersecurity and resilience measures to public and private entities, including information security and data protection measures.

4. The NJCCIC shall serve as an Information Sharing and Analysis Organization pursuant to 6 U.S.C. § 133 et seq. and 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.

5. The NJCCIC shall be composed of appropriate representatives of State entities, including the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, Office of the Attorney General, Division of State Police, and Office of Information Technology, as well as local, county, and federal partners and private sector entities as deemed appropriate by the Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

6. The NJCCIC shall be authorized to draw upon the assistance of any department, office, division, or agency of this State to supply it with expertise and assistance, including information and personnel, to carry out the NJCCIC mission.

7. The NJCCIC shall be authorized to draw on the assistance of any county or municipal governmental agency, or any independent state authority, for the purposes of carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

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

9. The NJCCIC shall be authorized to receive relevant cybersecurity threat information from appropriate sources, including public utilities and private industry.

10. The NJCCIC shall be part of the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

11. The NJCCIC shall be primarily located at the Regional Operations Intelligence Center, which is operated by the Division of State Police.

12. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
20th day of May,
Two Thousand and Fifteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Christopher S. Porrino

Chief Counsel to the Governor