STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 09-2016

EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING THE STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONVERGENCE PLAN

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State that information technology be used to improve the quality of life of Montana citizens by providing educational opportunities; creating quality jobs and a favorable business climate; improving government; and protecting individual privacy and the privacy of the information contained within information technology systems;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State that the development of information technology resources in the state must be conducted in an organized, deliberative, and cost-effective manner;

WHEREAS, mitigation of risk is a priority to protect individual privacy and the privacy of information contained within information technology systems as these systems become more interconnected and as the risks stemming from cyber-attacks have increased;

WHEREAS, to minimize unwarranted duplication, similar information technology systems and data management applications are implemented and managed in a coordinated manner;

WHEREAS, state information technology systems are able to embrace the economics of digitized records to avoid duplication and transport costs;

WHEREAS, electronic record creation, management, storage, and retrieval processes and procedures are used to create and deliver professional records management experiences for the citizens of Montana;

WHEREAS, state information technology systems are able to embrace continuous process improvement initiatives to keep pace with new and emerging technologies and delivery channels, thereby allowing citizens to determine when, where, and how they interact with government agencies;

WHEREAS, it is a State of Montana information technology strategic goal to build and operate enterprise systems that are shared across state and local government. Montana's 2016 Information Technology Strategic Plan: Goal 3; and

WHEREAS, the significant and continued growth of cyber-attacks against state and local government makes cyber security a critical issue for Montana, the sharing of enterprise-class infrastructure is necessary to maximize the protection of Montana's systems and data.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Department of Administration, State Information Technology Services Division (SITSD), shall implement an information technology convergence plan resulting in the full use of shared enterprise infrastructure to be complete by December 31, 2017;

2. Executive Branch agencies not exempted from this Order shall cooperate with the migration of their information technology assets to the enterprise infrastructure;

3. Only SITSD is permitted to buy and deploy servers, storage, and cloud services, unless otherwise directed by the Budget Director and State Chief Information Officer;

4. An agency shall utilize enterprise systems, including but not limited to enterprise content management (ECM), directory services, email, telecommunications (voice, video, and data), and State data centers to further their missions with the effective and efficient use of enterprise information technology; and

5. This Order covers the Executive Branch and exempts (but does not prohibit from participation) elected official agencies and those entities identified in §2-17-516, Montana Code Annotated.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 24th day of May, 2016.

STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:

LINDA MCCULLOCH, Secretary of State