July 29, 2015

Major General Bret D. Daugherty
The Adjutant General
Washington Military Department
Building 1, MS: TA-20
Camp Murray, WA 98430-5000

Re: Designation as Senior Official and Homeland Security Advisor for significant cyber security incident response preparedness

Dear General Daugherty:

In accordance with your status as the Adjutant General and Homeland Security Advisor for the state of Washington, I am appointing you as the Senior Official to represent the state of Washington for response to a significant cyber security incident, both within the state and at the federal level. A significant cybersecurity incident is that which affects life, health, property or the public peace. The Military Department is also hereby designated as the Primary Agency for external communication with the Department of Homeland Security for significant cyber security incident exercises.

Additionally, to provide unity of effort and a “whole government” approach, I am directing the state Chief Information Officer to ensure that all communications and coordination related to a significant cyber security incident involving state agency IT systems should include the Military Department.

The threat of a catastrophic cyber event occurring within the state of Washington is increasing daily, and effective response planning and coordination to address the consequences of a significant cyber incident supports a unity of effort across the whole state that is essential to successfully meeting this challenge.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Jay Inslee
Governor

cc: Michael Cockrill, Washington State Chief Information Officer