



MIKE DEWINE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2022-07D

Creation of the Cybersecurity Strategic Advisor

WHEREAS, during my term as Ohio Attorney General, I launched CyberOhio as a collection of cybersecurity initiatives aimed at helping Ohio businesses and private companies fight back against cyberattacks; and

WHEREAS, as Governor, I continued the work of CyberOhio through InnovateOhio, led by Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted, to provide innovative technology solutions to help Ohioans and Ohio job creators maintain technology infrastructure and data in a safe and secure manner; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, I signed legislation forming the Ohio Cyber Reserve, a civilian volunteer cyber force under the command of the Adjutant General. The Ohio Cyber Reserve Teams are available for the governor to assist local government with cybersecurity vulnerabilities and threats. Along with the Cyber Reserve, the Ohio National Guard formed the Ohio Cyber Collaboration Committee to include more than thirty public, private, military and educational organizations, with the mission to develop a stronger cybersecurity infrastructure and workforce – including the cyber range (a virtual environment used for cybersecurity training and technology development) – and to develop programming to increase the number of students who pursue certificates or degrees in cybersecurity; and

WHEREAS, the increasing complexity and frequency of cyberattacks estimated nationwide at 2,200 cyberattacks each day, both from foreign state actors and cyber criminals, requires coordination, information sharing, and response between multiple state and federal agencies, while remaining prepared and vigilant to protect against future threats; and

WHEREAS, a uniform and cohesive structure is needed to support Ohio's wide-ranging cybersecurity efforts in the centralized reporting of cybersecurity incidences, to promote awareness of current and future threats, to increase response times and recovery planning, and ensure a resilient environment in Ohio.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby order a unified approach among state agencies to guide the state's cyber initiatives, including policies,

procedures, training, response, and other efforts to protect against, respond to, investigate, and rebuild from potential cyberattacks.

Further, I hereby order the appointment of a State Cybersecurity Strategic Advisor to serve in my Administration. The duties of the Advisor shall be to coordinate the state's efforts to protect state's information technology infrastructure and data, develop and exercise a cyber-response plan, establish uniform reporting standards, conduct outreach, and support collaboration for all state agencies, counties, and local governments, academic institutions, and critical infrastructure partners.

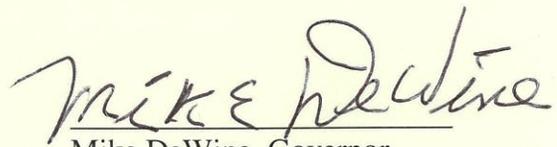
Further, the Adjutant General's Office, the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, and the Ohio Department of Public Safety shall together support the Strategic Advisor. Ohio's state cabinet agencies, boards, and commissions shall work collaboratively with the Cybersecurity Strategic Advisor, including:

- Ohio Department of Public Safety, including the Ohio Department of Homeland Security, State Highway Patrol, and the Emergency Management Agency including the Homeland Security Advisory Council; and
- Ohio Adjutant General, including the Ohio Cyber Collaboration Committee, the Ohio Cyber Reserve, Ohio Cyber Range, and the cyber forces of the Ohio National Guard; and
- Ohio Department of Administrative Services, the Office of Information Security and Privacy; and
- Ohio Department of Higher Education, including the Ohio Technology Consortium.

The Strategic Cybersecurity Advisor may work closely with federal partners including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Service Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and/or the United States Secret Service in order to share appropriate information and find potential links in cyber incidents.

The Cybersecurity Advisor may also develop plans to engage the private sector in its statewide efforts of cyber protection activities and for workforce development in Ohio, to position Ohio as a global leader in both innovative technological manufacturing and information security.

I signed this Executive Order on April 25, 2022, in Columbus, Ohio, and it shall take effect immediately and remain in full force unless rescinded by me before that date.


Mike DeWine, Governor

ATTEST:

Frank LaRose, Secretary of State

