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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 2016-006
DATE August 31, 2016

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the State of Maine spends approximately \$145 million per year on information technology (IT); and

WHEREAS, State agencies have increasingly depended on reliable and secure technology systems in order to optimally serve the people of Maine; and

WHEREAS, it is the position of the Administration that technology should be leveraged to achieve a more efficient and effective state government; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that IT expenditures are made strategically to support the State's technology goals and priorities; while strengthening our security; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to implement the IT goals of the State is to ensure communication, coordination and collaboration at the highest levels of state government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the State Information Technology Governance Committee for the purpose of ensuring strategic IT planning and spending, as follows:

1. The State Information Technology Governance Committee shall be composed of seven members, with five permanent members and two members rotating on an annual basis. The permanent membership of the Committee shall include a member of the Governor's staff, the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor, and the Chief Information Officer. One of the remaining positions on the Committee shall be filled by the Commissioner of the Department of Education, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, or the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety on an annual, rotating basis. The remaining position on the Committee shall be filled by a Commissioner or Director from the other Cabinet Level agencies on an annual, rotating basis. The Chief Information Officer shall serve as Chair of the Committee.

2. The Committee shall:

- (a) endorse a strategic, enterprise-wide plan for the State's IT needs;
- (b) prioritize and make recommendations concerning IT investment;
- (c) suggest a plan for adoption of tools and practices for operational efficiency;
- (d) monitor IT performance and benefits across all state agencies;
- (e) advise IT risk management including the areas of cybersecurity and disaster recovery;
- (f) review vendor management and IT projects costing over \$1 million, or other strategic IT investments as determined by the committee; and
- (g) review application development and investments to ensure compliance with the enterprise-wide plan for IT needs; and
- (h) make recommendations regarding the status, recruitment and retention of the State's IT workforce.

3. The Committee shall report its recommendations directly to the Governor on a quarterly basis.

The effective date of this Executive Order is August 31, 2016.


Paul R. LePage, Governor