

EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE ILLINOIS TECHNOLOGY OFFICE

WHEREAS, Illinois must capitalize on its rich human and institutional resources to provide leadership and vision in a digital global network;

WHEREAS, Illinois must remain competitive and build an environment that supports business innovation and development;

WHEREAS, Illinois must embrace and manage technological innovation to ensure that governmental information, programs and services are delivered in the most efficient and effective manner to citizens;

WHEREAS, Illinois must leverage investments in our infrastructure and expand the capabilities of our citizens, businesses, schools, colleges and universities, research institutions, libraries, museums and governments through the use of collaborative work environments;

WHEREAS, Illinois must assist in the transformation of technology in all aspects of life and strategically invest in technology;

WHEREAS, Illinois must create a comprehensive approach to Year 2000 issues, assess the current and on-going status of state government services and programs for compliance, and communicate to citizens remedies and contingencies to ensure that all systems within Illinois are prepared for the new century.

THEREFORE, I, George H. Ryan, hereby order the following:

1. There is created an Illinois Technology Office headed by a chief technology officer which shall be located within the Office of the Governor.
2. The Illinois Technology Office shall provide direction and recommendations for coordinated and integrated management and development of technological innovation in State government in order to provide improved services, standardized operations among State agencies and creation of an interactive government based on the wide availability of timely and reliable information.

3. The Illinois Technology Office shall coordinate the development and deployment of technology networks and initiatives throughout the state, especially in areas such as education.
4. There is created a Year 2000 Preparedness Council within the Illinois Technology Office which shall oversee the statewide management and coordination of the Y2K planning, compliance and implementation.
5. The Council shall be appointed by the Governor and may include, but is not limited to, representatives from business, local government, research institutions, and State government. The Governor shall also name a chairman. Members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses.
6. The Council shall coordinate efforts with the Year 2000 Technology Task Force, created by Public Act 90-666, and other state constitutional, legislative, and judicial offices as well as other statewide efforts as appropriate.
7. This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.

George H. Ryan
GOVERNOR

February 19, 1999