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**EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING PROPER END-OF-LIFE MANAGEMENT OF COMPUTERS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the use of computers and other electronic equipment by the State of Illinois is necessary and pervasive; and

WHEREAS, some high-tech equipment contains toxic chemicals such as brominated flame retardants in plastics and circuit boards, beryllium alloys in connectors, lead-tin based solders, lead- and barium-laden cathode ray tubes, and mercury lamps; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is entrusted by the citizens of the State to be a responsible environmental steward; and

WHEREAS, the improper recycling and or disposal of electronic equipment has the potential to inflict serious health and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, the lack of federal environmental regulations to govern the sale, transfer and export of scrap electronics, cannibalized parts and obsolete computers, printers and other electronic equipment continues to result in disposal practices harmful to the environment, including populations of third-world countries; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the State to ensure that procedures exist within Illinois Government to protect and secure confidential and other sensitive data and keep pace with these technological advances; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent to require that all computer and electronic equipment that leave the control of the State of Illinois be reutilized and redistributed to maximize taxpayer financed assets, or disposed of by means of transfer, donation, sale or recycling;

THEREFORE, I Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, hereby order the following:

- I. All state agencies, boards, and commissions shall immediately review all procedures to ensure that they are in compliance with P.A. 93-0306, Data Security on State Computers Act (20 ILCS 450/1 et. seq.), that I signed into law on July 23, 2003.
- II. The Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) shall develop and implement procedures and programs to ensure that any and all operable and inoperable information technology and electronic equipment, including but not limited to, desktops, laptops, servers, internal/external storage drives, portable drives, printers, copiers, fax machines, and other electronic components (E-Scrap), that are deemed excess or surplus to the State's needs shall be removed from state service, and properly redistributed, reutilized, recycled or disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner consistent with the Illinois Finance Act, Illinois Property Control Act and all applicable state and federal environmental laws.
- III. CMS shall also update, create, establish and implement specific policies, procedures, rules, and programs to ensure that all hard drives, external storage drives, servers, etc., of state-owned electronic data processing and information

technology equipment be cleared of all data,-software, and operating systems prior to transfer, donation or sale.

- IV. Savings Clause: Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to contravene any applicable state or federal law.
- V. Severability. If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Executive Order which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.
- VI. Effective Date: This Executive Order becomes effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor

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