TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE GOVERNOR’S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

WHEREAS: The Governor seeks to accurately budget, guide and monitor state information technology development projects; and

WHEREAS: The Governor seeks out strategies to ensure information technology projects meet the needs of Arkansans; to deliver cost-effective solutions; and to develop long-term strategic infrastructure for the state; and

WHEREAS: Information technology projects can affect multiple state agencies; and

WHEREAS: In order to achieve a more efficient and effective Arkansas information technology project oversight, the Governor seeks the coordination and oversight of his state agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby order the following:

1. There is hereby created the Governor’s Information Technology Oversight Council (the “Technology Oversight Council”) to monitor large information technology projects in excess of $50 million within state government agencies.

2. The Technology Oversight Council shall be composed of:

   a. The Director of Information Systems;
   b. The Director of Finance and Administration;
   c. The Director of Department of Human Services;
   d. The Chief Information Officer of the Department of Human Services;
   e. Two additional Chief Information Officers or officers in equivalent positions from other agencies; and
   f. A representative of the Governor’s office.

   The two additional Chief Information Officers from other agencies, or officers in equivalent positions from other agencies, and the representative of the Governor’s office shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The chair shall be chosen by the Governor from the members of the Technology Oversight Council.

3. The Technology Oversight Council shall monitor all technology projects of $50 million or more in total cost. The monitoring shall begin at project inception and shall continue through solicitation and awarding of routine maintenance contracts.
4. Upon request, the Department of Finance and Administration shall provide staff and other personnel to support the work of the Technology Oversight Council. The Department of Information Systems may provide additional expertise as necessary.

This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing, and it shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive orders.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 29th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2015.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary of State