

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 341

Relating to a Proclamation on Year 2000 Preparedness

WHEREAS, over the last thirty years, computer systems and related technologies have come to play a vital role in the provision of government and private sector goods and services; and

WHEREAS, over the last fifteen years, the use of microprocessors in our society has become a pervasive and essential component in the operation of a wide range of electronic devices especially in government, medical, manufacturing and other commercial applications; and

WHEREAS, a material percentage of computer applications, microprocessors in equipment and other devices containing microprocessing technology may be programmed to recognize only the last two digits of a year; and

WHEREAS, upon the arrival of the Year 2000, some of these computer applications and related technologies may fail to perform because of the two digit year recognition programming feature; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on the government of this state to take all necessary action to prepare for the technological challenges presented by what has come to be known as the Year 2000 problem;

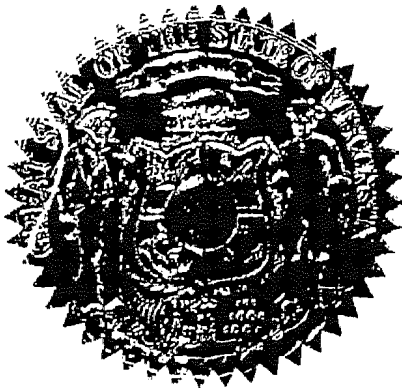
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that it shall be the policy of the Executive Branch to take all necessary action to ensure that the business of the people of this great state continues without incident after the arrival of the Year 2000.
2. Proclaim that it shall also be the policy of the Executive Branch to encourage the other branches of state government, the political subdivisions of this state and the private sector to take all necessary action to ensure that such entities are prepared for the technological challenges presented by the Year 2000 problem.
3. Proclaim that preparation for the Year 2000 problem shall be the principal technology priority for all Executive Branch agencies.
4. Require each Executive Branch agency head to assess the potential impact of the Year 2000 problem on the agency and take immediate action to eliminate or mitigate such impact.

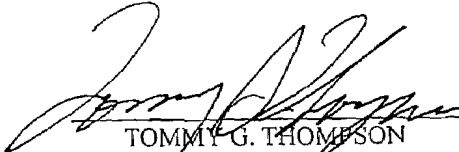
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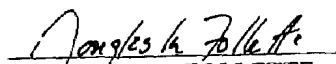
5. Instruct each Executive Branch agency head to prepare a business continuation plan for the agency which addresses the Year 2000 problem.
6. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to coordinate the efforts of all Executive Branch agencies to prepare for the Year 2000 problem.
7. Create the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Year 2000 Preparedness (hereinafter "Commission") and provide that the Commission shall have not more than fifteen (15) members selected by the Governor from the public and private sectors to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
8. Provide that the Governor shall designate one (1) member of the Commission as Chair to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Governor.
9. Provide that the Commission shall study the state of preparedness in the public and private sectors for the Year 2000 problem and submit to the Office of the Governor regular and frequent reports on the Commission's findings.
10. Provide that the Commission shall include in its reports to the Office of the Governor recommendations to improve preparedness in the public and private sectors for the Year 2000 problem.
11. Direct the Department of Administration to provide the Commission with such sums of money as are necessary for travel and operating expenses in accordance with Section 20.505 (3) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
12. Provide that the Commission shall disband on January 1, 2000.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-seventh day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.


TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State