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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 373

Relating to the Creation of the Governor's Task Force on Privacy

WHEREAS, personal information regarding the citizens of Wisconsin is increasingly available to members of the public and for sale on the open market; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Wisconsin citizens be protected from undesirable distribution and use of personal information; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for public policymakers to be advised on methods to protect the private lives of Wisconsin's citizens;

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:

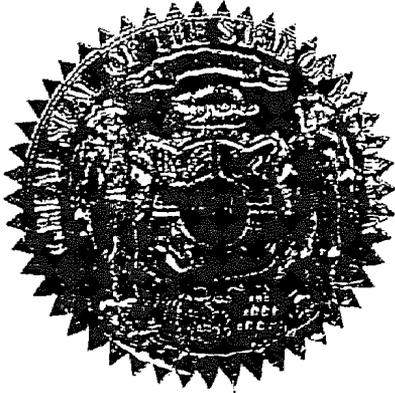
1. Create the Governor's Task Force on Privacy (hereinafter "Task Force"); and
2. Provide that the Task Force shall be composed of fourteen (14) members appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and
3. Provide that the following officials shall each recommend to the Governor one (1) individual for membership on the Task Force:
 - a. The Majority Leader of the Wisconsin Senate; and
 - b. The Minority Leader of the Wisconsin Senate; and
 - c. The Speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly; and
 - d. The Minority Leader of the Wisconsin Assembly; and
4. Provide that the Governor shall designate one (1) member on the Task Force as its chair to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Governor; and
5. Provide that the Task Force to have the following purpose and mission:
 - a. Study the use, collection, and dissemination of private information regarding Wisconsin citizens; and
 - b. Determine which use, collection, and dissemination of private information regarding Wisconsin citizens is not appropriate; and
 - c. Assess current privacy protections and recommend to the Governor new methods to protect individual privacy; and

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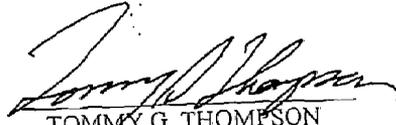
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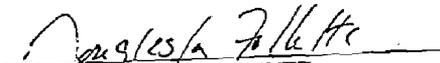
6. Require the Task Force to submit to the Governor a final report on its findings and recommendations by February 29, 2000; and
7. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide the Task Force with administrative and support services and with such sums of money as are necessary for travel and operating expenses in accordance with section 20.505(3)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and
8. Require the Task Force to disband once the Governor has accepted its final report;



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 sixteenth day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.


TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State