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John W. Hickenlooper
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D 2018 030

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending Executive Order D 2018 027 Activating the National Guard for the Purpose of Ensuring Election Security

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Colorado Constitution and C.R.S. § 28-3-104, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending Executive Order D 2018 027 activating six members of the Colorado National Guard Defensive Cyber Operations Element for the purposes of assisting with election cybersecurity efforts during the 2018 election.

I. Background and Purpose

Like many other states, Colorado utilizes online voter registration systems which allow eligible citizens to easily access and update voter registration information. These systems are protected by various security features aimed at maintaining confidentiality and preventing tampering or interference with data.

Despite utilizing various security features, online voter registration systems could provide an avenue for cyber actors to gain unlawful access into voter registration databases. The Colorado National Guard has unique cyber capabilities to assist in protecting critical election infrastructure.

The Colorado Secretary of State requested that the Colorado National Guard Defensive Cyber Operations Element provide election cybersecurity support during the November 2018 election. By activating six members of the Colorado National Guard Defensive Cyber Operations Element, the National Guard can provide support to the Secretary of State up to and including the November 2018 election.

On September 19, 2018, I signed Executive Order D 2018 027 activating six members of the Colorado National Guard Defensive Cyber Operations Element to assist with election cybersecurity efforts during the 2018 election. This Executive Order extends the activation and authorization of six members of the Colorado National Guard Defensive Cyber Operations Element to assist with election cybersecurity efforts for an additional 30 days from October 19, 2018.

II. Amendment

Section III of Executive Order D 2018 027 is amended to read as follows:

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from October 19, 2018, unless extended by further Executive Order.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from October 19, 2018, unless extended by further Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2018 027 shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.



GIVEN under my hand and
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this nineteenth day of
October, 2018.


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor