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**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2007- 06**

**WHEREAS**, a principal responsibility of the executive department is to expend maximum effort to detect, protect against, prevent, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and other critical incidents;

**WHEREAS**, it is a central tenet of North Dakota's homeland security strategy that all levels and agencies of government must develop and constantly seek to improve their capacity to gather, process, analyze, and share critical information;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Advisory Council recommended that our nation's homeland security efforts be driven by the collection, analysis, timely dissemination, and reevaluation of critical data and information, and that in order to produce meaningful, actionable information, all levels of government and the private sector must be able to exchange information rapidly;

**WHEREAS**, in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, the President and the Congress of the United States directed that an Information Sharing Environment be established within the Federal government, and between Federal, state, local, and private-sector entities, to allow for the seamless exchange of homeland security information, terrorism information, and law enforcement information related to terrorism;

**WHEREAS**, on November 16, 2006, the President of the United States, through the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, submitted to the Congress an implementation plan for creating an Information Sharing Environment, which in part calls for the establishment of an integrated network of state and major urban area fusion centers; and;

**WHEREAS**, the Information Sharing Environment implementation plan directs Federal agencies to provide homeland security information, terrorism information, and law enforcement information to state and major urban area fusion centers; envisions that fusion centers will analyze, interpret, and disseminate this information to appropriate state and local officials; and envisions that fusion centers will gather, process, analyze, and interpret relevant regional, state, and local information, and forward that information to appropriate Federal agencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Hoeven, Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of my executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution, do hereby order as follows:

**Section 1:** The establishment of the North Dakota Fusion Center to help the efforts of the United States government to establish a national network of fusion centers, which will serve as the “central hub” of the North Dakota’s fusion process and serve as the primary interface between North Dakota and the Federal government for information collection, analysis, and dissemination.

**Section 2:** The North Dakota Fusion Center shall be a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency organization dedicated to gathering, processing, analyzing and sharing critical information with Federal, state, local, and private sector partners. An Executive Committee, comprised of officers from the North Dakota Division of Homeland Security, the North Dakota National Guard, the North Dakota Highway Patrol, and the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation is charged with general oversight responsibilities for the effective operation and administration of the North Dakota Fusion Center.

**Section 3:** The North Dakota Fusion Center shall use information collected from multiple sources and a variety of disciplines, including but not limited to law enforcement, emergency management, fire services, health care, emergency medical services, public health, transportation, public utilities, social services, and the private sector, to develop and maintain an up-to-date statewide assessment of the threats, vulnerabilities, and risks facing the North Dakota.

**Section 4:** The North Dakota Fusion Center shall employ an “all hazards,” “all threats,” and “all crimes” approach to homeland security, which recognizes that terrorists often commit traditional crimes to support their activities and frequently collaborate with individuals involved in traditional criminal activity.

**Section 5:** The North Dakota Fusion Center shall work with appropriate Federal entities to gather, process, analyze, and disseminate homeland security information, terrorism information, and law enforcement information to appropriate state and local officials.

**Section 6:** The North Dakota Fusion Center shall also gather, process, analyze, and interpret relevant regional, state, and local information and shall forward that information to appropriate Federal agencies.

**Section 7:** In order to guarantee that the North Dakota Fusion Center functions with maximum effectiveness, methods of collecting, analyzing, and disseminating information must be constantly reviewed and updated. Accordingly, the Executive Committee of the Fusion center shall regularly review the policies, procedures, guidelines, and organizational structure of, as well as the resources allocated to, the North Dakota Fusion Center. The Executive Committee shall identify areas where efforts by the North Dakota Fusion Center to gather, analyze, and share information can be strengthened.

Section 8: Whenever the members of the Fusion Center deem appropriate, they shall confer with representatives from Federal, state, local, and private sector entities that contribute information to, or receive product or analysis from the North Dakota Fusion Center. In this way, agencies that are contributors to, and consumers of information from, the North Dakota Fusion Center can provide input regarding the strategic planning for center operations and future enhancements, assist in identifying obstacles to the efficient exchange of information between stakeholders, and propose solutions to remove those obstacles.

Section 9: The Executive Committee shall regularly report their findings to the Governor.

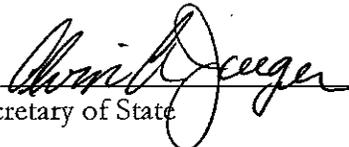
ACCORDINGLY, this order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency; and
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of terrorist threats, critical incidents, emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 27th day of June, 2007.

  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

  
Secretary of State

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Deputy