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May 2025 Cybersecurity Event: Final Update

MONTGOMERY – The Office of Information Technology (OIT) has successfully contained the cybersecurity incident that was discovered on May 9, 2025. Following a thorough investigation and coordinated response, OIT can confirm that the threat has been neutralized and Alabama’s core operations are safe and stable.

Our teams, in close partnership with leading cybersecurity experts, acted swiftly to mitigate the incident, isolate affected systems, and restore baseline security to the State network. At this time, there is no evidence of further unauthorized activity within State systems.

While the immediate threat has been addressed, OIT remains committed to strengthening Alabama’s IT infrastructure to guard against future risks. As part of our long-term remediation strategy, we are in the process of implementing enhanced security protocols. In the days and weeks ahead, there will be intermittent periods of disruption to various Alabama state agency websites and/or services as remediation and protective measures are put in place. As OIT shared in its most recent update from May 16, these disruptions should not be construed as nefarious and will be closely coordinated with all agencies impacted by this work.

The public will undoubtedly be curious to know the identity of the bad actor(s) behind this event. Unfortunately, OIT is unable to attribute this attack to any specific individual or organization as our efforts have been solely focused on responding to and mitigating the threat. Any possible criminal investigations related to this event will be handled by the appropriate state and federal law enforcement agencies, and OIT will gladly offer its support to those investigations if requested.

Now that OIT has reached the point in its response effort where the focus is shifting from containment and mitigation to remediation and infrastructure hardening, no additional public updates will be shared following this release. OIT recognizes the importance of balancing transparency and security while maintaining the trust of our stakeholders, so all future communications will be limited to the agencies directly impacted by the upcoming remediation activities.

OIT will continue to monitor the State's systems closely and will take every measure necessary to ensure the integrity, availability, and resiliency of our operations. We are enormously grateful for the collaborative efforts of the numerous Alabama state agencies that provided essential support to this effort. Likewise, we are appreciative for the patience and understanding of the public during this time.

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