

# STATE OF WYOMING

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

2001- 5

### *COUNTER TERRORISM COMMISSION*

WHEREAS, terrorism has been an underlying threat to our national and state security; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the United States was struck by acts of international terrorism, and may be subject to other acts of domestic terror; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming has existing legal infrastructure, plans and policies, including the Wyoming Emergency Management Act, which shall serve as the basis for Wyoming's initiatives to protect and defend against terrorist acts; and

WHEREAS, a heightened state of awareness and focus on terrorist activity is needed, as is the State's commitment of resources to protect Wyoming's citizens, property, infrastructure, commerce and continuity of state government; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing need for the State of Wyoming to cooperate and coordinate with cities, counties, private sector entities and the federal government, to prevent acts of terrorism or to detect and respond, should such acts be planned or actually occur in Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that Wyoming's existing disaster preparedness planning be assessed, evaluated, and, if necessary, realigned in order to ensure that the State is well organized and equipped to anticipate and respond to acts of terrorism;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Geringer, Governor of the State of Wyoming, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in me as Governor and Commander in Chief by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby order:

1. That the Attorney General of Wyoming is the Governor's designated coordinator of this state's heightened terrorism initiative and will chair the Counter Terrorism Commission.

2. That the Commission is the Governor's designated and authorized entity to implement and execute the provisions of this order.

3. The Commission shall be composed of the Attorney General, as chairman, the Adjutant General of the Wyoming National Guard, and the Directors of the Departments of Health and Transportation. The Commission members may call upon for assistance, the Director of the Division of Criminal Investigation, the Coordinator of Wyoming Emergency Management and the

Colonel of the Wyoming Highway Patrol. The Commission may call upon the directors and administrators of all other state agencies, who shall fully support and assist the Commission in this endeavor.

4. The Commission shall review and assess the disaster preparedness of state and local government, including the National Guard, to ensure that Wyoming's disaster planning includes specific contingencies for detection of and response to acts of terrorism.

5. The Commission shall review and assess the disaster preparedness obligations of state and local government to ensure that there is adequate cooperation with the federal government, local governments, other state governments, and the private sector in the event of acts of terrorism. The Commission shall examine the obstacles or impediments to effective prevention of or response to acts of terrorism.

6. The Commission shall conduct its review and provide preliminary assessment within 45 days of the issuance of this order and report its findings to me with recommendations to improve Wyoming's preparedness and response capabilities.

This order shall take effect immediately upon its execution.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE EXECUTIVE SEAL OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001.

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Jim Geringer  
Governor of the State of Wyoming