



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BY HIS EXCELLENCY
CHRISTOPHER SUNUNU, GOVERNOR**

Executive Order 2022-09

An Order Prohibiting Use of Certain Foreign Technologies

WHEREAS, preserving the safety, security, privacy, and way of life of the citizens of New Hampshire is of paramount importance and the State recently gained information about growing threats imposed by certain Chinese and other foreign vendors and products that will introduce an unacceptable level of cybersecurity risk to the State.

WHEREAS, one of those products, TikTok is a video-sharing mobile application with more than 94 million users in the United States in 2022 and is owned by a Chinese company, ByteDance Ltd., which has a subsidiary that is partially owned by the Chinese Communist Party.

WHEREAS, TikTok can harvest large amounts of data from devices it is installed on including when, where, and how the user conducts Internet activity and on June 30, 2022, TikTok admitted in a letter to nine United States Senators that China-based employees can access U.S. data, even though that data is stored in the United States. Additionally, under China's 2017 National Intelligence Law, all Chinese businesses are required to assist China in intelligence work, including data sharing.

WHEREAS, there are also several Chinese companies that produce Telecommunications and Video/Audio equipment and we reasonably believe use of these products may enable the manufacturer or vendor to:

- Collect sensitive citizen, financial or other business data.
- Enable Business Email Compromise and act as a vector for Ransomware Deployment.
- Conduct effective Cyber-espionage against government entities.
- Conduct surveillance and tracking of individual users.
- Use algorithmic modifications to conduct disinformation or misinformation campaigns.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me by Part II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order, effective immediately, that:

1. To best preserve the safety, security, and privacy of the citizens of New Hampshire, products from the following vendors will not be used in or connected to any State Network or installed on any state issued device including but not limited to desktop computers, laptops, tablets,

and mobile phones, across the Executive Branch of the State Government of New Hampshire:

- (a) Huawei Technologies
 - (b) ZTE Corp
 - (c) Hytera Communications Corporation
 - (d) Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company
 - (e) Dahua Technology Company
 - (f) Tencent Holdings, including but not limited to:
 - a. Tencent QQ
 - b. QQ Wallet
 - c. WeChat
 - (g) Alibaba products, including but not limited to AliPay
 - (h) TikTok
2. The Department of Information Technology and other Executive Branch entities will, as applicable, and within 30 days:
- (a) Develop and implement a plan to remove any referenced hardware products from the state networks;
 - (b) Remove any referenced software products from the state networks;
 - (c) Implement measures to prevent the installation of referenced hardware and software products on State-owned or managed technology assets;
 - (d) Implement network-based restrictions to prevent the use of, or access to, prohibited services; and
 - (e) Include risks associated with these technologies into the Statewide Cybersecurity and Awareness training program.

The State Chief Information Security Officer will continually monitor and update the list prescribed in Section 1 of this Order and with final approval of the Governor will routinely update the list to be posted on the Department of Information Technology's website.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 14th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-six.


GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE