



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Officer of the Governor*

# *Executive Directive*

## **Executive Directive 5 (2015)**

### **Securing Consumer Transactions**

#### **Importance of the Initiative**

Ensuring the safety of citizen data is a critical responsibility of the Commonwealth of Virginia. In the face of ever-increasing cyber security attacks on consumer and business related entities, I am committed to ensuring that transactions conducted between citizens and the Commonwealth meet the highest level of transactional security standards.

In an effort to ensure that consumer transactions with the Commonwealth are embracing emerging electronic payment security technologies to provide the highest levels of security and meet or exceed existing Federal standards, I am directing the Secretaries of Technology and Finance, the State Treasurer, and State Comptroller to:

1. Provide a plan to the Governor's Office by October 1, 2015, detailing the Department of the Treasury's plans to enhance the security features of merchant and prepaid debit card programs to include:
  - a. User Authentication,
  - b. Confidentiality,
  - c. Cardholder reporting of unauthorized withdrawals or suspected fraudulent transactions, and
  - d. Data breach reporting and notification
  
2. Update the Commonwealth's main purchase card program to include advanced chip authentication security features by no later than December 2015. The Commonwealth has already converted purchase card programs to chip authentication technology for many political subdivisions and authorities.

3. Develop and adopt electronic identity management standards as set forth in legislation passed during the 2015 legislative session (SB 814 and HB1562).

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Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor

Attest:

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Levar M. Stoney, Secretary of the Commonwealth