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May 8, 2015

The Honorable Linda McCulloch
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Secretary McCulloch:

In accordance with the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, I hereby deliver to you House Bill 10 (HB10), "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017; PROVIDING FOR MATTERS RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LONG-RANGE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND ACQUISITION OF NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE JUDICIAL BRANCH; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES," which, except for one line-item veto, I have signed into law.

The executive budget that I recommended to the 2015 Legislature was developed through many months of working with state agencies, listening to constituents, and balancing the available resources of state government with a long list of requests. I presented a budget, including my initial version of HB 10, that provided for the most pressing needs and highest priorities while living within available revenues.

"Enterprise electronic content management" was not an item included in my executive budget. The Legislature added \$1 million in appropriation authority into Section 2 of the bill to support enterprise electronic content management services. I am directing the Department of Administration to leverage existing resources to accomplish the goals of electronic content management.

As Governor, I may line-item veto the following items in an appropriations bill: (1) a specific appropriation contained in the bill; (2) a condition that limits the use to which an appropriation may be put but only if the appropriation to which it is attached is vetoed as well; and (3) a rider. I am striking from HB 10 the \$1 million appropriation for enterprise electronic content management, because it is unnecessary and outside of the constraints of a responsible budget.

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For these reasons, I sign HB 10 into law with the exception of this one line-item veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Steve Bullock', with a stylized, flowing script.

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor

cc: Legislative Services Division
Austin Knudsen, Speaker of the House
Debby Barrett, President of the Senate