



STATE of NEBRASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-04

Banning the Use or Download of Applications, Software, and Platforms Created or Owned by China-based Companies or Companies Affiliated with the Chinese Communist Party

WHEREAS, China, under the control of the Chinese Communist Party, a foreign adversary, poses a risk to the security of the United States and the State of Nebraska;

WHEREAS, China poses a comprehensive threat to national sovereignty—intellectually, militarily, and economically—through its aggressive actions, data exploitation, and attempts to undermine global security and stability.

WHEREAS, China has aggressively threatened to seize Taiwan, an ally of the United States, flagrantly violating its sovereignty and international law;

WHEREAS, China's military actions in the Taiwan Strait and space destabilize the region and undermine global peace, democracy, and security.

WHEREAS, the Chinese government has committed human rights violations against cultural minority groups in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (Xinjiang);

WHEREAS, Chinese law requires China-based companies share data with the Chinese Communist Party upon request; which could encompass personal information, intellectual property, and user location data;

WHEREAS, applications, software, or platforms created or owned by China-based companies or companies affiliated with the Chinese Communist Party are capable of harvesting data from the devices of users, including confidential, private, or other sensitive data;

WHEREAS, the use of such applications, software, or platforms on state-owned or operated devices and/or networks would compromise the security of Nebraska's information infrastructure and information and data owned by the State of Nebraska;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, under and pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the laws of Nebraska, do hereby order and direct that, to the fullest extent permitted by law:

1. Nebraska's Office of the Chief Information Officer shall investigate potential security vulnerabilities of applications, software, and platforms created or owned by China-based companies and companies affiliated with the Chinese Communist Party.
2. The Office of the Chief Information Officer shall report his findings to the Governor and take all steps necessary to prevent the download and/or use of applications, software, and platforms that are determined to be a security risk to state-owned or operated devices, networks, and infrastructure.
3. The Office of the Chief Information Officer shall continue to investigate and monitor potential security vulnerabilities and make recommendations to the Governor as frequently as necessary.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 5th day of March, 2025.



Attest:

A blue ink signature of Jim Pillen, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

Jim Pillen, Governor
State of Nebraska

A blue ink signature of Robert B. Evnen, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska