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## **PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNS SANCTIONS TO SECURE THE CYBERSPACE FROM THREATS AND ATTACK**

### **THE NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER**

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**USPA NEWS** - "With the new Executive Order I'm signing, I'm for the first time authorizing targeted sanctions against individuals or entities whose actions in cyberspace result in significant threats to the national security, foreign policy, economic health or financial stability of the US." Said President Obama

On the morning of April 1st, the White House issued a new Executive Order (EO) declaring a "national emergency" as "cyber-enabled activities" are a national threat. The consequence is to establish sanctions and other consequences for individuals and entities. After the attack in January, Obama called on Congress to pass new cybersecurity legislation that would require companies to inform clients when they have suffered a data breach and also share information with the government about hacking threats "an issue that security officials believe is essential but has stirred fears over online privacy. (Source <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com>)-----SECURING CYBERSPACE TO PROTECT AMERICAN CITIZENS-----

President Obama said on the latest tool to combat cyber threats: "We're giving notice to those who pose significant threats to our security or economy by damaging our critical infrastructure, disrupting or hijacking our computer networks, or stealing the trade secrets of American companies or the personal information of American citizens for profit". He adds: "Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility. DHS works to respond to cyber incidents and provide technical assistance to those maintaining critical infrastructure. But everyone can do their part by practicing". -----Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect>-----THE STOP.THINK. CONNECT CAMPAIGN-----

The Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign is a national public awareness campaign aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online. Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility. "We each have to do our part to keep the Internet safe. When we all take simple steps to be safer online, it makes using the Internet a more secure experience for everyone". -----Source: <http://go.wh.gov/cyber-sanctions> "#CyberSanctions", <http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect>, For more information see [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

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