

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 04-2015**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER DESIGNATING THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE AS A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Revenue is responsible for enforcing and administering the tax provisions of the Montana Code Annotated; and

WHEREAS, the Department is responsible for enforcing and administering the tobacco and alcohol provisions of Title 16 of the Montana code Annotated; and

WHEREAS, one of the critical Department functions is to protect the State of Montana from fraudulent activity related to the administration of taxes and to protect confidential taxpayer information and the filing of reports and returns with the Department; and

WHEREAS, to effectively protect the citizens of Montana from fraudulent activity, the Department must be able to participate in the enforcement of civil and criminal laws by sharing and receiving information from Criminal Justice Agencies, including the Montana Attorney General, prosecutors, investigators, and uniformed law enforcement, providing assistance in the preparation of charging documents, and generally assisting in the prosecution of fraudulent claims; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Department to have access to criminal justice information from law enforcement to enforce provisions of Titles 15 and 16 and other provisions of the Montana Code Annotated related to the administration of taxes.

THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Montana, and pursuant to the Montana Criminal Justice Information Act of 1979 (Title 44, chapter 5 of the Montana Code Annotated), do hereby designate the Montana Department of Revenue as a Criminal Justice Agency, as that term is used in Title 44, chapter 5, of the Montana Code Annotated.

The order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of
the State of Montana this 29th day of May
2015.





STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:



LINDA MCCULLOCH, Secretary of State