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## **Governor Walker Highlights Wisconsin's Efforts to Combat Cyber Attacks at Governor's Cyber Security Summit 2016**

**Madison** – Governor Scott Walker joined Major General Donald Dunbar and cyber security experts from around the state and nation today at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Cyber Security Summit, which was held at Gordon Dining and Event Center on the University of Wisconsin – Madison campus. The theme for this year's summit is "Securing Tomorrow Through Technology."

"Believe it or not, a few years ago Wisconsin did not have a response plan in place when it came to cyber threats and attacks," Governor Walker said. "Our state now leads the way when it comes to cyber security, and we've placed particular emphasis on protecting our state computer systems and networks. In August, the state of Wisconsin blocked more than 1.4 million suspicious emails daily that entered the state system and posed a significant threat to Wisconsin's infrastructure. The summit today gives us the chance to bring business and government leaders together to discuss cyber security issues and prepare to combat the latest cyber threats."

Every year, the Governor's Cyber Security Summit brings government, industry, business, and academic leaders together in the same room, so they can collaboratively discuss strategies to fight ongoing cyber attacks and tackle current threats.

The summit featured several cyber security experts, including:

- Dr. P.W. Singer, who discussed key trends emerging today that will shape the world of technology and cyber security tomorrow;
- Dan Lohrmann, who shared expected advances with the Internet of Things (IoT) in 2017;
- Terry Hect, who talked about what is currently being done to secure today's networks and the information that rides those networks;
- Byron Franz, who spoke about the government's role in protecting against cyber threats and attacks;
- Sheldon Cuffie, who outlined the private sector's enormous challenge of protecting against a cyber breach of their most critical asset – the Personally Identifiable Information (PII) of their customers.

Governor Walker has also proclaimed the month of October as Cyber Security Awareness Month throughout the state of Wisconsin. A copy of the proclamation is [attached](#).

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