

STATE OF MONTANA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Executive Order No. 11-2007

EXECUTIVE ORDER

DESIGNATING THE TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT UNIT OF THE MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AS A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY

WHEREAS the Tobacco Enforcement Unit of the Montana Department of Justice is responsible for enforcing and administering the Tobacco Product Reserve Fund Act (Mont. Code Ann. § 16-11-401 et seq.) (“the Act”) for the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS diligent enforcement of the Tobacco Product Reserve Fund Act is required in order for Montana to continue to receive its full Master Settlement Agreement payment which was over \$25 million in 2007; and

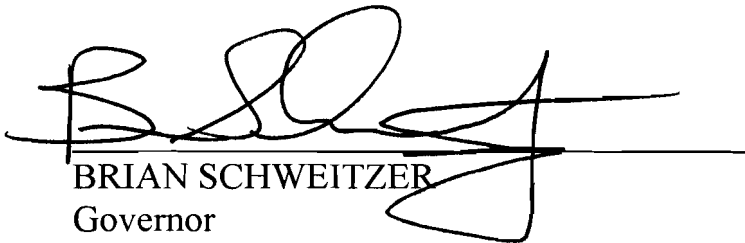
WHEREAS the Tobacco Enforcement Unit participates in the enforcement of criminal laws by sharing information with criminal justice agencies including prosecutors, investigators, and uniformed law enforcement, providing advice and assistance in the preparation of search warrants and charging documents, and providing staff to serve as testifying witnesses in criminal cases enforcing the tobacco laws; and

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Tobacco Enforcement Unit to have access to criminal justice information from law enforcement in order to enforce the provisions of that Act.

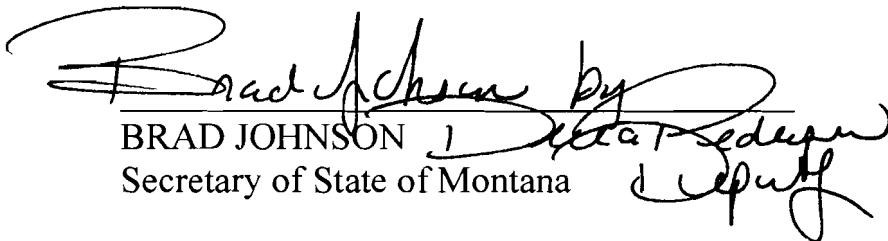
THEREFORE, I, Brian Schweitzer, Governor of the State of Montana, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Montana, and pursuant to the Montana Criminal Justice Information Act of 1979 (Title 44, Chapter 5 of the Montana Code Annotated), do hereby designate the Tobacco Enforcement Unit of the Montana Department of Justice Agency Legal Services Bureau, as a criminal justice agency, as that term is used in Title 44, Chapter 5 of the Montana Code Annotated.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand the Great Seal of the State of Montana this 20th day of June, 2007.


BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor

ATTEST:


BRAD JOHNSON
Secretary of State of Montana