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The Office of the Utah State Auditor Announces Senate Confirmation of Nora Kurzova as Utah's First State Privacy Auditor

Salt Lake City, UTAH –

Today the Office of the State Auditor announces that Nora Kurzova has been confirmed as the first State Privacy Auditor for the state of Utah. Following her nomination by State Auditor Tina Cannon, Ms. Kurzova received unanimous approval from the full Utah Senate. As State Privacy Auditor, Ms. Kurzova will focus on identifying high-risk data processing activities, auditing how more than 1,500 government entities handle personal data, and promoting privacy as a basic human right.

State Auditor Tina Cannon said, "Today's unanimous vote by the Utah Senate is an appropriate beginning to Nora's role as the first State Privacy Auditor. Nora brings the experience, expertise and vision required for this critical position. Her contributions to the State Auditor's Office over the past two years have enhanced our state's privacy and data protection, including having personally trained more than 4,000 government employees in privacy compliance. She has demonstrated leadership and commitment to protecting the personal privacy of every Utahn."

A noted expert in personal privacy rights, Ms. Kurzova brings more than 15 years of experience in privacy, compliance, and legal services to the role of State Privacy Auditor. Having most recently served as Utah's Deputy State Privacy Officer, her professional experience includes Chief Privacy Officer and other senior positions at globally recognized organizations, including Tyco International and MetLife. Her academic credentials include a master's degree in law, a doctorate in criminal law and forensic science, as well as an LLM in international law. Additionally, she holds professional certifications in privacy, information security, and auditing.

Newly confirmed State Privacy Auditor Nora Kurzova commented, "I am excited to take on the responsibilities of this office, which is not only a first for the state of Utah but is one of the first of its kind nationwide. Fulfilling this unique role, with a special focus on improving and auditing governmental privacy practices across our great state, will help enhance public trust in government, how it works, and how it ensures the privacy of all its residents. I am committed to being

fully transparent and objective, while advocating and promoting privacy as a fundamental human right for all.”

About the Office of the State Auditor

The Office of the Utah State Auditor provides Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operations, statutory compliance, and performance management, including development of interactive graphical tools, for state and local government to ensure complete transparency and access to information for all. The State Auditor protects personal privacy rights and audits government entities to ensure compliance.

The State Auditor is a Constitutional Officer of the Executive Branch of government for the State of Utah, elected directly by the state’s citizens every four years. The role of the State Auditor is authorized in Article VII, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution. For more information, see auditor.utah.gov.

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