Office Memorandum

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To: All Executive Branch Employees
From: Jim Schowalter, Commissioner
Subject: Fraud Awareness and Prevention Week in the State of Minnesota

As public stewards, we all have the responsibility to protect and use state resources wisely. Minnesota has strong fraud prevention processes, but we must be relentless in order to protect taxpayers and the integrity of the state. To raise employee awareness of fraud, Governor Dayton has formally proclaimed the week of November 16-22, Fraud Awareness and Prevention Week in the State of Minnesota.

MMB’s Internal Control & Accountability Unit, in partnership with members of the Statewide Internal Control Roundtable, has developed various fraud week activities, including a fraud newsletter. The newsletter has several suggestions for training, including fraud-related vignettes and other information you can review to increase your awareness of fraud prevention, detection and reporting techniques. I encourage you to take part in the upcoming fraud week activities. Please coordinate with your supervisor to determine how much time you can devote to these activities and which items are most relevant to your job responsibilities. Do not be concerned if you are unable to review the newsletter during fraud week as the document will remain available on MMB’s Internal Control & Accountability’s Fraud Awareness & Prevention Resources webpage.

Let’s each do our part to reduce the incidences of fraud against and within, the State of Minnesota!