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ADOR, MorphoTrust® USA Launch First eID in Alabama
Aimed at State Tax Fraud Prevention

MONTGOMERY, April 11, 2017 – The Alabama Department of Revenue has partnered with MorphoTrust USA to launch a new pilot program utilizing MorphoTrust's electronic ID (eID) to secure state tax refunds for the 2016 filing season. Taxpayers who use the MorphoTrust® eID to complete the filing process will receive priority processing and expedited issuance of their state tax refund.

"By implementing state-of-the-art technologies, like the MorphoTrust eID, the state of Alabama continues to demonstrate that it is doing everything possible to protect our taxpayers from criminals looking to steal their information and use it to file fraudulent state tax returns," said Alabama Revenue Commissioner Julie P. Magee. "There are no usernames or passwords; only a person's photo can unlock the eID, making it secure and easy-to-use.''

The MorphoTrust eID is a digital identity credential, in the form of a mobile app, authenticated by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency. The app is easily downloaded from Apple iTunes, and the eID credential is issued after a short registration process. After downloading the app, users' identities are verified by taking a photo of their physical driver's license or state-issued ID and taking a self-photo using their smartphone. This information is then compared against the data and photo on record in the driver's license database to ensure only the rightful identity holder is able to obtain an eID.

"The MorphoTrust eID is the only electronic ID, commercially available, that verifies a person's identity by connecting it back to their photograph and identity record with their state's motor vehicle agency," said Bob Eckel, President and CEO, MorphoTrust USA. "Now more than ever, there is a critical need to create a more secure online environment, and our innovative technology ensures that residents using the MorphoTrust eID have the most secure tools available to protect their identity and reduce their chance of being a victim of state tax refund theft."

For more information on the MorphoTrust eID, go to www.alabamaeid.com. Apple iOS users can download the app from the App Store by searching "MorphoTrust eID." The eID app is currently only available for iOS users, but an Android version is being developed and should be available soon.

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