IBM z/OS® System Integrity Statement

First issued in 1973, IBM's MVS™ System Integrity Statement, and subsequent statements for OS/390®
and z/OS, has stood for over three decades as a symbol of IBM's confidence in and commitment to the
z/OS operating system.

IBM's commitment includes design and development practices intended to prevent unauthorized
application programs, subsystems, and users from bypassing z/OS security – that is, to prevent them
from gaining access, circumventing, disabling, altering, or obtaining control of key z/OS system
processes and resources unless allowed by the installation. Specifically, z/OS "System Integrity" is
defined as the inability of any program not authorized by a mechanism under the installation's control
to circumvent or disable store or fetch protection, access a resource protected by the z/OS Security
Server (RACF®), or obtain control in an authorized state; that is, in supervisor state, with a protection
key less than eight (8), or Authorized Program Facility (APF) authorized. In the event that an IBM
System Integrity problem is reported to IBM, IBM will always take action to resolve it in the specified
operating environment for releases that have not reached their announced End of Support[1] dates.

IBM's long-term commitment to System Integrity is unique in the industry[2], and forms the basis of
z/OS' industry leadership in system security. z/OS is designed to help you protect your system, data,
transactions, and applications from accidental or malicious modification. This is one of the many
reasons IBM z Systems™ remains the industry's premier data server for mission-critical workloads.

Notes:
1. End of Support dates are the last dates on which IBM will deliver standard support services for a
   given version or release of a product. Information about end of support dates is available at
   http://www.ibm.com/software/support/lifecycle/index_z.html
2. IBM reserves the right to change, modify or withdraw its offerings, policies and practices at any
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