

State/Commonwealth of \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol

**Support of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the State/Commonwealth of <INSERT NAME> recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cyber threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective security and privacy; and

**WHEREAS**, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, as well as academic institutions working together to increase the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework has been developed as a free resource to help organizations (large and small, both public and private) improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing evolving threats and challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of <INSERT NAME OF STATE/Commonwealth>'s information, infrastructure, and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ([www.dhs.gov/cyber](http://www.dhs.gov/cyber)), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (<http://msisac.cisecurity.org>), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers ([www.nascio.org](http://www.nascio.org)), and the National Cyber Security Alliance ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)) all recognize October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, along with <INSERT THE NAME OF THE STATE/Commonwealth CYBER SECURITY AGENCY URL> and the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign website ([www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect) or [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

**Now, therefore**, I, \_\_\_\_\_, Governor of the State/Commonwealth of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim that the State/Commonwealth of \_\_\_\_\_ is officially supporting National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.