

STATE/Commonwealth of _____
Office of the Governor
State Capitol

Support of National Cyber Security Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the State/Commonwealth of [INSERT State] recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, 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 to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, the Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) has been designated as the National Public Awareness Campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, and academic institutions aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute for Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework and DHS's Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community (C3) Voluntary Program have been developed as free resources to help organizations (large and small, both public and private) implement the Cybersecurity Framework and improve their cyber practices through a practical approach to addressing evolving threats and challenges; and

WHEREAS, in support of the Cybersecurity Framework and to better assist business and government entities in addressing cyber threats, the Center for Internet Security/Multi-State ISAC, the Council on CyberSecurity, the Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council, and public and private sector entities have developed an effort to promote good cyber hygiene through actionable guidance for government and businesses, and to promote innovation, strengthen cybersecurity investment and enhance resilience across all sectors; 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> information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (www.dhs.gov/cyber), the CIS/Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msisac.org), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), the Council on CyberSecurity (www.counciloncybersecurity.org/) and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with <INSERT THE NAME OF THE STATE/Commonwealth CYBER SECURITY AGENCY URL> and the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign website (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cyber security; and 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 of _____ is officially supporting National Cyber Security Awareness Month and the National Public Awareness Campaign, Stop.Think.Connect.