



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats and attacks that may significantly impact 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, cyber security is an issue of concern and consequence to all people today, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of New York State's information infrastructure and economy; and

Whereas, in recognition of that concern and consequence, numerous New York State agencies and operations, including but not limited to the Office of Information Technology Services, the New York State Police, the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, the Department of Financial Services, the Department of Public Service, and the New York State Intelligence Center have made improving New York's cyber security an increased priority in their activities; and

Whereas, the New York State Cyber Security Advisory Board was created to help guide New York's efforts in cybersecurity, bringing together some of the world's leading experts to make recommendations for protecting the state's critical infrastructure and information systems; and

Whereas, the New York State Office of Information Technology Services Enterprise Information Security Office is dedicated to enhancing and protecting our statewide cyber security infrastructure, and to promoting cyber security awareness throughout our state; and

Whereas, the "Stop.Think.Connect." initiative is the National Public Awareness Campaign implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofits, government organizations, and academic institutions aimed at raising awareness 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 the Department of Homeland Security's Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community (C3) Voluntary Program have been developed as free resources to help organizations – large and small, and public and private – implement the Cybersecurity Framework and improve their cyber practices to address the increasing number of 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 Information Sharing and Analysis Center, 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, the U.S. President, 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; all New Yorkers are encouraged to visit these sites, along with the New York State Office of Information Technology Services Enterprise Information Security Office website (www.its.ny.gov/eiso) and the "Stop.Think.Connect." website (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect and www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cyber security and apply that knowledge in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses, so as to safeguard our personal and business information systems and protect our state and nation's cyber security infrastructure;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 2014 as

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the Empire State.



G i b e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this second day
of October in the year two thousand fourteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor