



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State recognizes the vital role of technology in the lives of people and on the larger scale of state, national, and global activity; today, many individuals, schools, libraries, businesses, and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of purposes, including communicating with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education, and conducting business; and

Whereas, the critical infrastructure upon which we all rely – including emergency response systems, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and financial services – is increasingly dependent on information systems and the Internet to operate; and

Whereas, in education, information technology is integral to teaching, learning, and research, and the Internet offers students at all levels access to online educational and research materials; and

Whereas, our information infrastructure and individual users of the Internet face increasing threats of cyber attack, as well as significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

Whereas, New York State has established a Cyber Security Advisory Board, comprised of recognized, high-ranking cyber security experts, to focus additional attention on the issue of cyber security and help the state develop innovative policies to ensure that New York is at the forefront of cyber security defense; and

Whereas, the New York State Office of Information Technology Services' Enterprise Information Security Office is committed to protecting New York's cyber infrastructure and promoting cyber security awareness within the state; and

Whereas, the Cyber Security Advisory Board and the Office of Information Technology Services' Enterprise Information Security Office recognize that maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and that awareness of computer security essentials will help protect New York's information infrastructure and economy; and

Whereas, the public's understanding of cyber security can be enhanced significantly through the state's partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and its Office of Cybersecurity and Communications in the *Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign*, a national effort to raise awareness about cyber security among all digital citizens, helping them to stay more secure online; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, and the National Cyber Security Alliance have designated October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the Empire State, and encourage New Yorkers to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-sixth day of September in the year two thousand thirteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor