



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New Yorkers increasingly rely on the Internet in all aspects of their daily lives, including business, personal, finance, education, communication, and entertainment; and

Whereas, the systems that support economic development and critical sectors such as financial services, elections, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency responses systems have also become more reliant on the Internet; and

Whereas, there is evidence that the cyber threats we face are growing in number and sophistication, and that these threats present an array of significant risks to users and operators of Internet-connected devices and critical infrastructure, such as financial and personal privacy loss due to identity theft and fraud and physical effects from interference with the systems that control critical infrastructure; and

Whereas, maintaining cyber security must be viewed as a common effort in which individuals and organizations – both public and private – share responsibility; protecting individual users and organizations from cyber threats requires the creation of a layered defense, including cyber security awareness and training programs at its foundation; and

Whereas, the State of New York, as a National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM) Champion, is dedicated to enhancing and protecting our statewide cyber security infrastructure and promoting cyber security awareness throughout our State; and

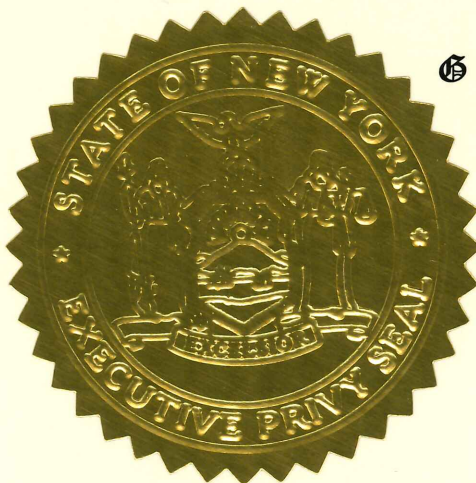
Whereas, New York State agencies, including but not limited to the Office of Information Technology Services, the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, the Board of Elections, the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, the Department of Financial Services, the Department of Public Service, the Department of Health, the Department of State Division of Consumer Protection, the New York State Intelligence Center and the New York State Cyber Security Advisory Board, through cooperative efforts, promote cyber security awareness and help consumers, businesses, educational leaders and our youth protect themselves online; and

Whereas, the Federal Government of the United States of America, 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 all recognize October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month and the Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign as the national cyber security public awareness campaign;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the Empire State.



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

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa