



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, in this 21st century, New Yorkers' daily lives and activities – at home, school, or in the workplace – are dependent upon technology and communication networks; 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, New York State recognizes its vital role in identifying, protecting against, and responding to cyber threats and attacks that may significantly impact our individual and collective security and privacy; and

Whereas, each New Yorker also plays an important role in recognizing and defending against cyber security risks, and awareness of basic computer security essentials will improve our preparedness for a cyber attack or an incident that might lead to a security breach; and

Whereas, the New York State Cyber Security Advisory Board was created to help guide New York State's efforts in cyber security, 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 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 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, the Department of Health, the Department of Labor, Empire State Development and the New York State Intelligence Center have made improving New York's cybersecurity an increased priority in their activities; and

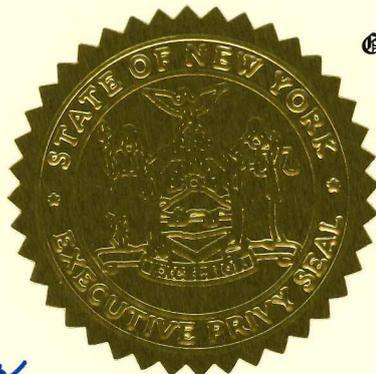
Whereas, the Stop.Think.Connect.TM Campaign (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) has been designated as the National Public Awareness Campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, as well as academic institutions working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

Whereas, the U.S. President, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (www.dhs.gov/cyber), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msiscac.org), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all New Yorkers are encouraged to visit these sites, along with the New York State Office of Information Technology Services website (www.its.ny.gov/eiso) to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 2015 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 fifteen.

Governor

William J. Mahon
Secretary to the Governor