

STATE OF OHIO

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Cyber Security Awareness Month

Many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing finances, conducting research, enhancing education and conducting business; and

critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, health care, and emergency response systems; and

Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious attack by viruses and loss of privacy from spyware and adware; and

each year there are significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states and local governments enhance cyber security; and the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' Office of Information Technology provides leadership and guidance to agencies that helps to enhance the cyber security of this State; and

each one of us plays an important role in securing our cyberspace. Awareness of computer security essentials contributes to improving the security of Ohio's information infrastructure and economy; and

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

Now, therefore, I, Ted Strickland, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize

October 2008 as Cyber Security Awareness Month

in the State of Ohio and encourage all the citizens to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the following sites as a useful starting point to help increase cyber security knowledge: MS-ISAC, www.msisac.org; U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Cyber Security Division, www.dhs.gov/xabout/structure/editorial_0839.shtm; NCSA, www.staysafeonline.info.



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