

STATE OF OHIO

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CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

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

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

Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber attack, loss of privacy from spyware and adware and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states and local governments enhance cyber security; and the State of Ohio provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of the State; and

maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the State of Ohio information infrastructure and economy; and

the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (www.us-cert.gov), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msisac.org), the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, (www.nascio.org) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (www.das.ohio.gov) to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

Now, therefore, I, Ted Strickland, Governor of Ohio, do hereby recognize the month of October as Cyber Security Awareness Month.


Ted Strickland
Governor