



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the vital role that technology has in our daily lives and in the future of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, whereby today 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 personal finances, performing research, enhancing education and conducting business; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the use of the Internet at the primary and secondary school levels in this State enhances the education of youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials, and at institutions of higher education, the use of information technology is integral to teaching and learning, research, and outreach and service; and

**WHEREAS**, 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

**WHEREAS**, the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits and government organizations to help all digital citizens stay safer and more secure online; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center provides a collaborative mechanism to help state, local, territorial and tribal governments enhance cyber security and Tennessee provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of this State; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Cyber Challenge initiative is working to identify 10,000 of America's best and brightest to fill the ranks of cyber security professionals where their skills can be of the greatest value to the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 Tennessee information infrastructure and economy; 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 ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2011 as

## **CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**



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in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 27th day of September, 2011.

Governor

Secretary of State