



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, 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 infrastructure 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 Tennessee 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, significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has established the Office of Cybersecurity and Communications and devoted resources within it solely to support the strengthening and securing of the country's cyber infrastructure at the state, local, tribal, and territorial levels; and

WHEREAS, the "Stop.Think.Connect." campaign is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits, and government organizations to raise awareness about cybersecurity among, helping citizens to 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 the Office for Information Resources, Department of Finance and Administration provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of this state 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 the State 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 have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with and Stop.Think.Connect to learn about cyber security; and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2013 as

Cyber Security Awareness Month

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 eighteenth day of September, 2013.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Hunt

Secretary of State