



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective security and privacy; 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 Stop.Think.Connect™ Campaign has been designated as the National Public Awareness Campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, and academic institutions aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute for Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework and DHS's Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community (C3) Voluntary Program have been developed as free resources to help organizations, large and small, both public and private, implement the Cybersecurity Framework and improve their cyber practices through a practical approach to addressing evolving threats and challenges; and

WHEREAS, in support of the Cybersecurity Framework and to better assist business and government entities in addressing cyber threats, the Center for Internet Security/Multi-State ISAC, the Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council, and public and private sector entities have developed an effort to promote good cyber hygiene through actionable guidance for government and businesses, and to promote innovation, strengthen cybersecurity investment and enhance resilience across all sectors; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, 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 have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with Stop.Think.Connect™ to learn more 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, 2015 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 fourth day of September, 2015.

Bill Haslam

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Secretary of State