

**STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Office of the Governor**  
**State Capitol, NAME OF State**

**WHEREAS**, many citizens of NAME OF STATE use the Internet to keep in contact with family and friends, manage their finances, buy goods and services and get the latest news; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary and secondary schools of NAME of STATE use the Internet to enhance the education of our youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of information technology at institutions of higher education is integral in teaching and learning, research and discovery, and outreach and service; and

**WHEREAS**, public libraries provide access to networked computers, online databases, and other resources to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, businesses of NAME OF STATE use information systems and networks to manage their businesses and expand their customer reach,

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states enhance cyber security; and  
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**WHEREAS**, there are national organizations, such as the non-profit National Cyber Security Alliance, policymakers, government agencies, private sector companies, and non-profit entities helping consumers, businesses, educational leaders and our youth to protect themselves online; and

**WHEREAS**, each one of us plays an important role in securing our cyberspace. Awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of NAME OF STATE information infrastructure and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the US 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, \_\_\_\_\_, Governor of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2005 as:

**Cyber Security Awareness Month**

in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and encourage all the citizens of this State 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:

- NCSA: [www.staysafeonline.info/](http://www.staysafeonline.info/)
- US-CERT: <http://www.uscert.gov>
- MS-ISAC: <http://www.cscic.state.ny.us/msisac/index.html>
- YOUR STATE's CYBER AGENCY URL