

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Many Georgians 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: Georgia's primary and secondary schools and institutions of higher learning use information technology to enhance teaching, learning, research, discovery and outreach; and

WHEREAS: Georgia businesses and government agencies use information systems to increase productivity and provide better customer service. Critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, health care and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Technology Authority seeks to secure state networks and protect Georgians' personal information entrusted to the state. To aid in achieving this end, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) was established to enhance cyber security; and

WHEREAS: Awareness of computer security essentials will help safeguard Georgia's information infrastructure and economy. In promotion of this laudable goal, the U.S. 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, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2006 CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia and encourage our citizens to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice at home, school and in the workplace.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand six.