

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: 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: 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 harm due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS: The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states and local governments enhance cyber security. The Georgia Technology Authority provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of Georgia; 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 Georgia's information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (www.us-cert.gov), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msisac.org), the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org), and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month. All citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with www.gta.ga.gov, to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia and urge our citizens to educate themselves cyber security and incorporate that knowledge into their everyday lives.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.