

State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2016

WHEREAS, The State of New Hampshire recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats, which can have a significant impact on our individual and collective security and privacy; and

WHEREAS, 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 (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) has been designated as the National Public Awareness Campaign – implemented by 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 the United States Department of Homeland Security's Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community 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, President Barack Obama signed Executive Order 13691, Promoting Private Sector Cybersecurity Information Sharing, to encourage and promote sharing of cybersecurity threat information within the private sector and between the private sector and government through the development of Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations; 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 New Hampshire's information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States of America, the United States Department of Homeland Security (www.dhs.gov/cyber), the CIS/Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msiscac.org), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), the Council on CyberSecurity (www.counciloncybersecurity.org/), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) have declared October as National **Cyber Security Awareness Month** and all residents are encouraged to visit these sites, along with the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign website (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 2016** as **CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire and urge all residents to educate themselves of the importance of cyber security in the modern world.

Given this 1st day of October, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-one.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor