



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting and responding to cyber threats that may have a significant impact to our citizen's security and privacy; and

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

WHEREAS, the Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, as well as academic institutions working together to increase the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community (C3) Voluntary Program have been developed as free resources to help organizations large and small, public and private, implement the NIST Cybersecurity Framework and improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing evolving threats and challenges; 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 Alabama's information, infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (www.dhs.gov/cyber), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msisc.org), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) all recognize October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, along with the State of Alabama's Office of Information Technology (<http://oit.alabama.gov/cybersecurity/>) and the Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign website (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cybersecurity and how to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2017, as

Cyber Security Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 1st day of October 2017.

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Kay Ivey, Governor