



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The State of Minnesota recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats, which may have a significant impact to our individual and collective security and privacy; and
- WHEREAS:** Critical 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, a national public awareness campaign, is implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, and academic institutions, and is aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the public to be safer and more secure online; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Institute for Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework and the Department of Homeland Security's Critical Infrastructure Community (C3) Voluntary Program have been developed as free resources to help organizations — large and small, public and private — implement a Cybersecurity Framework and improve their cyber 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 the Minnesota information infrastructure and economy; and
- WHEREAS:** October is designated as National Cyber Security Awareness Month and all citizens are encouraged to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014, as:

## CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE