



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION
CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH
October 2012

WHEREAS, We recognize the vital role that technology has in our daily lives and in the future of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's 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, the use of the internet at the primary and secondary school levels in this state enhances the education of youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and at institutions of higher education, the use of information technology is integral to teaching and learning, research, outreach and service; and

WHEREAS, internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber attack, loss of privacy from spyware and adware as well as significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center provides a collaborative mechanism to help state and local governments - including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - enhance cyber security; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Administration, Office for Information Technology is responsible the policies, procedures and tools used to protect critical Commonwealth data and the personal information of citizens; 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 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (www.dhs.gov/cyber), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msisac.org), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, (www.nascio.org) and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with the commonwealth's Cyber Security website at www.cybersecurity.state.pa.us and Stop.Think.Connect (www.stophinkconnect.org) to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2012 as CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH.

*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor,
at the City of Harrisburg, on this first day of October in
the Year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of
the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-
seventh.*


TOM CORBETT
Governor