Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing finances, conducting research, enhancing education and conducting business;

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

Whereas, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious attack by viruses and loss of privacy from spyware and adware;

Whereas, each year there are significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud;

Whereas, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) was established in January 2003, to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states and local governments enhance cyber security; and the State of Utah Department of Technology Services provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of this state;

Whereas, the non-profit National Cyber Security Alliance, policymakers, government agencies, private sector companies, and non-profit entities help consumers, businesses, educational leaders and our youth protect themselves online;

Whereas, each of us can play an important role in securing our cyberspace and an awareness of computer security essentials will help improve the security of Utah's information infrastructure and economy;

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center and the National Cyber Security Alliance have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month;

Now, Therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare the month of October 2011, as

Cyber Security Awareness Month

Gary R. Herbert

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