



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Technology plays a vital role in our daily lives and in the future of our state and nation. Today, 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 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, healthcare, and emergency response systems; and
- WHEREAS: The use of the internet at the primary and secondary school levels in Minnesota enhances the education of youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials. At institutions of higher education, the use of information technology is integral to teaching, 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 software and adware, and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and
- WHEREAS: The "Stop.Think.Connect." Campaign is a national effort coordinated by a collation of private companies, nonprofits, and government organizations to help all digital citizens stay safer and more secure online; and
- WHEREAS: The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center provides a collaborative mechanism to help state, local, territorial, and tribal governments enhance cyber security, and the Enterprise Security Office provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of Minnesota; 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 Minnesota information infrastructure and the economy; and
- WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, National Association of State Chief Information Officers, National Cyber Security Alliance, and the Minnesota Enterprise Security Office have designated October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to "Stop.Think.Connect," 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, 2012 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE