

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the State of Vermont recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats that may have 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.TM (www.dhs.gov/stophinkconnect or www.stophinkconnect.org) serves as the national public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, and academic institutions aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework and 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, both 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 the State of Vermont'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.msisac.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 sites, along with <http://itsecurity.vermont.gov/> and the Stop.Think.Connect.Campaign website (www.dhs.gov/stophinkconnect or www.stophinkconnect.org) to learn about cyber security; and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the State of Vermont is officially supporting

NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 13th day of September, A.D. 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Shumlin", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Peter Shumlin
Governor