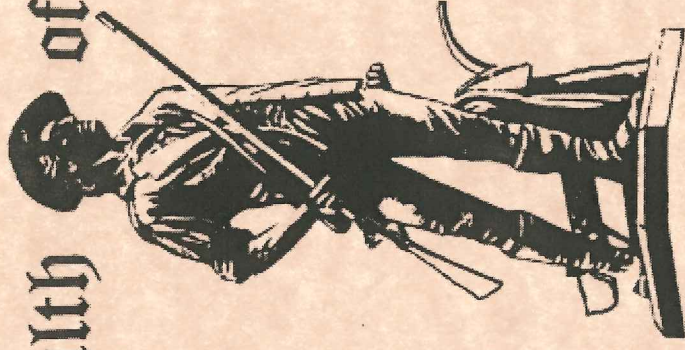


Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- Whereas** We recognize the vital role that technology has in our daily lives and in the future of our nation, whereby 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, 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, and outreach and service; and
- Whereas** Internet users and our information infrastructure face an ever-increasing threat of malicious cyber-attack, loss of privacy from spyware 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 coalition 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 Massachusetts Office of Information Technology (MassIT) provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; 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'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 our state cyber security page (www.mass.gov/itd/cybersecurity) and Stop.Think.Connect (www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 2014, to be,

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, ninth of September, in the year two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

