

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi 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.™ Campaign ([www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect) or [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) has been designated as the National Public Awareness Campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, as well as academic institutions working together to increase the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework and the 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 Cybersecurity Framework and improve their cyber practices through a practical approach to addressing evolving threats and challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, President Barack Obama signed Executive Order 13691, Promoting Private Sector Cybersecurity Information Sharing, to encourage and promote sharing of cybersecurity threat information within the private sector and between the private sector and government through the development of Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations; 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 Mississippi 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](http://www.dhs.gov/cyber)), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center ([www.msisac.org](http://www.msisac.org)), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers ([www.nascio.org](http://www.nascio.org)), and the National Cyber Security Alliance ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services ([www.its.ms.gov](http://www.its.ms.gov)) and the Stop.Think.Connect Campaign website ([www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect) or [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) to learn about cyber security; and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses.

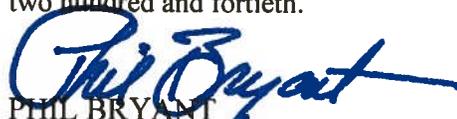
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim that the State of Mississippi is officially supporting the month of October 2015 as

### NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage citizens to learn about the National Public Awareness Campaign, Stop.Think.Connect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

**DONE** at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, on this the 12th day of October, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.

  
PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR

