

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, 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, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an 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 Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states and local governments enhance cyber security; and the Information Security Division of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of the State of Mississippi; and

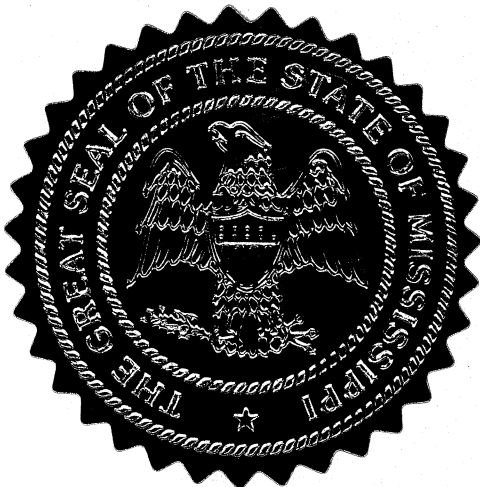
WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the State of Mississippi information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (www.us-cert.gov), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msisac.org), the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, (www.nascio.org) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with Information Security Division of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (www.its.ms.gov/services_security.shtml) to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

Now, therefore, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2009 as:

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.



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

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the twenty-third day of September in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eight and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Haley Barbour".

HALEY BARBOUR