BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes the vital role of technology in our daily lives and in the future of our nation. Many citizens, schools, libraries, business, and other organizations use the Internet daily for a multitude of purposes. Critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, healthcare, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS: Internet users and the Internet's security infrastructure are facing an increasing number of malicious cyber-attacks. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security established the Office of Cybersecurity and Communications and devoted resources within the office to solely support the strength and security of the country's cyber infrastructure at the state, local, tribal, and territorial levels; and

WHEREAS: The Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits, and government organizations, to raise awareness about cyber security among all digital citizens, helping Internet users stay safe and secure online; and

WHEREAS: The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center provides a collaborative mechanism to help state, tribal, and territorial governments enhance cyber security. The Georgia Technology Authority's Office of Information Security provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of the state. Maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each user has a critical role to fill. Awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the State of Georgia information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS: The President of the United States, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (www.dhs.gov/cyber), the CIS/Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msisac.org), The National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), the Council on CyberSecurity (www.counciloncybersecurity.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month. All citizens are encouraged to visit these sites along with the Georgia Technology Authority's Enterprise, Governance and Planning website (http://gta.georgia.gov/egap/) and the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign website (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cyber security and put such knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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