

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH 2016

*Whereas*, the State of Delaware recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, 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 and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

*Whereas*, the Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity 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 (NIST) 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 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 Delaware'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](http://www.dhs.gov/cyber)), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center ([www.msisa.org](http://www.msisa.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)) all recognize October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, along with State of Delaware ([www.delaware.gov](http://www.delaware.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 cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

*Now, Therefore, I, Jack A. Markell, Governor,*  
do hereby proclaim that the State of Delaware is officially supporting National Cyber Security Awareness Month and the National Public Awareness Campaign, Stop.Think.Connect.



*Jack Markell*

Jack A. Markell  
Governor