



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2017

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota 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

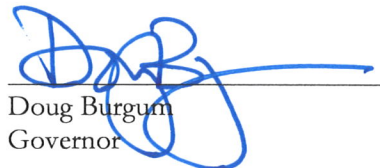
WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, the Stop.Think.Connect.TM 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, the President of the United States of America, 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) all recognize October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, along with the State of North Dakota and the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign websites (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cybersecurity and to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2017, **NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State