STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Technology plays a vital role in our daily lives and in the future of our state and nation. Today, many 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 of the economy are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, healthcare, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS: The use of the internet in Minnesota schools enhances the education of youth by providing access to online educational and research materials. At colleges and universities, the use of information technology is integral to teaching, learning, research, outreach, and service; and

WHEREAS: Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber-attack, loss of privacy from software and adware, and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS: The "Stop.Think.Connect." Campaign is a national effort coordinated by private companies, nonprofits, and government organizations to help all citizens stay safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS: The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center provides a collaborative mechanism to help state, local, territorial, and tribal governments enhance cyber security; and the Enterprise Security Office provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of Minnesota; 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 Minnesota information infrastructure and the economy; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, National Association of State Chief Information Officers, National Cyber Security Alliance, and Minnesota Enterprise Security Office have designated October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, places of employment, and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2013, as:

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20th day of September.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE