



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina plays a vital role in identifying, protecting people from, and responding to cyber threats that may have a significant impact on our individual and collective security and privacy; and

**WHEREAS**, securing and building resiliency is important to our critical infrastructure sectors that support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Stop.Think.Connect.™ is a national cybersecurity public awareness campaign implemented by a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, and academic institutions working together to increase the understanding of cyber threats and empower 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 Voluntary Program are free resources to help organizations implement the NIST Cybersecurity Framework and improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing threats and challenges as they evolve; 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 North Carolina's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

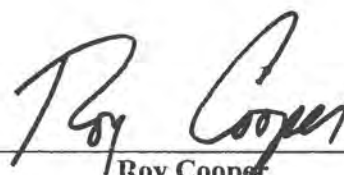
**WHEREAS**, developing, increasing, and retaining a cybersecurity workforce is critical to strengthen security for the State of North Carolina and protect people's data; and

**WHEREAS**, cybersecurity is a cross-sector challenge that requires public, private, and academic support in order to strengthen the nation's cyber ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, and the National Cyber Security Alliance, along with the North Carolina Department of Information Technology, Enterprise Security and Risk Management Office, and Stop.Think.Connect.™ campaign, recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month to put cybersecurity knowledge into practice in homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2018, as "**NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-eighth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.