

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas 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.<sup>TM</sup> 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 Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: October is the National Cyber Security Awareness Month, and all citizens are encouraged to visit 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 so they can put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 2017, as

**NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH IN ARKANSAS**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2017.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State