

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cyber threats that may have a significant impact on 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 Illinois's information, infrastructure, and economy; and,

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States of America, the Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology, 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 all recognize October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, along with Ready Illinois and the Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign website, to learn about cybersecurity and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

**THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as **NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH** in Illinois.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*

*this* TWENTY-SEVENTH *day of* SEPTEMBER *in*

*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*

SIXTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*

*one hundred and* NINETY-EIGHTH *.*



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SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR