STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Citizens, schools, libraries, businesses, and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including staying in contact with family and friends, managing finances, conducting research, enhancing education, and conducting business; and

WHEREAS: Critical sectors of our society increasingly rely on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency-response systems; and

WHEREAS: The use of the Internet for educational purposes provides access to online education and research materials, and the use of information technology is integral to teaching and learning, research, and outreach and service; and

WHEREAS: Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber attack, loss of privacy from spyware 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 a coalition of private companies, nonprofits, and government organizations to help all digital 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 government enhance cyber security; and the Arkansas Cyber Security Office provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of this State; and

WHEREAS: Maintaining the security of Cyberspace is a shared responsibility, and each of us has a critical role; awareness of computer security essentials will increase the security of Arkansas's information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS: 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) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS: All citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with the Arkansas Cyber Security Office (www.dis.arkansas.gov/security) and Stop.Think.Connect (www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn more about cyber security;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, 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 2013, as

NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH IN ARKANSAS

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in our homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 16th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2013.

MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

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MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE