

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 are increasingly reliant on information to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, health care, and emergency-response systems; and

WHEREAS: Internet users and our information infrastructure, itself, are vulnerable to an ever-expanding threat of malicious attack by viruses and loss of privacy from spyware and adware; and

WHEREAS: Each year, there are significant financial and personal-privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS: The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) was established in 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states and local governments enhance cyber security, and the Arkansas Department of Information Systems provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: There are national organizations, such as the nonprofit National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), policymakers, government agencies, private-sector companies, and nonprofit entities helping consumers, businesses, educational leaders, and our youth protect themselves online; and

WHEREAS: Each of us plays an important role in securing our Cyberspace. Awareness of computer security essentials will improve the safety of Arkansas's information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, and the National Cyber Security Alliance have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month;

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 2008, as

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage citizens in our State to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their 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 26th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2008.

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MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

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CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE

