

Janice K. Brewer  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

**\* CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH \***

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the vital role that technology has in our daily lives and in the future of our State and Nation, whereby today many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education and conducting business; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the use of the Internet at the primary and secondary school levels in this State enhances the education of youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and at institutions of higher education, 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 attack by viruses and 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 ([www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, non-profits and government organizations to help all digital citizens stay safer and more secure online; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help state, local, territorial and tribal governments enhance cyber security; and the Arizona State Information Security & Privacy Office provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of this State; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Cyber Challenge initiative (<http://usciberchallenge.org/>) is working to identify 10,000 of America's best and brightest to fill the ranks of cyber security professionals where their skills can be of the greatest value to the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Arizona information infrastructure and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ([www.us-cert.gov](http://www.us-cert.gov)), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center ([www.msisac.org](http://www.msisac.org)), the National Cyber Security Alliance ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)) and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers ([www.nascio.org](http://www.nascio.org)), have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with [www.azgita.gov/sispo](http://www.azgita.gov/sispo) to learn about cyber security and apply that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



*Janice K. Brewer*  
GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-seventh day of September in the year Two Thousand and Eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

**ATTEST:**

*Ken Blumett*

Secretary of State