

WHEREAS, individuals and business people across the Palmetto State use the Internet and networks at home and at work to keep in contact with friends and family, manage finances, buy goods and services, get the latest news, manage their businesses, and expand their customer reach; and

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

WHEREAS, Internet users and our information infrastructure face a growing threat of malicious attack by viruses and loss of privacy from spyware and adware, and 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 January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states enhance cyber security, and national organizations, such as the National Cyber Security Alliance, policymakers, government agencies, private sector companies, and non-profit entities, help consumers, businesses, educators, and our youth protect themselves online; and

WHEREAS, while each of us plays an important role in safeguarding our cyberspace, awareness of computer safety essentials will improve the security of South Carolina's information infrastructure and economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.