



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

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, utilities, 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 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 ([www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits and government organizations to help all citizens stay safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center was established to provide a collaborative mechanism for state, local, territorial and tribal governments to enhance cyber security; and the Office of the CIO (Department of Administration) provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance our security; 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 the State of Idaho's 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 Association of State Chief Information Officers, ([www.nascio.org](http://www.nascio.org)), and the National Cyber Security Alliance ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with [cybersecurity.idaho.gov](http://cybersecurity.idaho.gov) to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses.

NOW THEREFORE, I, C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 2012, to be

**CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty third.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE