



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

**Cyber Security Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, we recognize the vital role of technology in our daily lives and in the future of our nation, with many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations using 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, we all 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 Idaho enhances the education of youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials, and the use of information technology is integral to teaching and learning, research, and outreach and service in our institutions of higher learning; 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 digital citizens stay safer and more secure online; 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 Idaho's information infrastructure and economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as

**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 eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fifth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-first.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE