

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, critical public and private sectors, such as energy, financial services, telecommunications, transportation, health care and emergency response are increasingly reliant on networks and information systems; and

WHEREAS, our information systems and networks face a growing threat from malicious attacks by viruses, worms and spyware; and

WHEREAS, Internet users face significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS, Washington companies use information systems and networks to manage business and expand customer bases both domestically and internationally; schools and colleges use the Internet to enhance education by providing students access to online educational and research materials; and public libraries provide access to networked computers, online databases, and other resources; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Washington use the Internet to keep in contact with family and friends, manage their finances, buy goods and services and get the latest news; and

WHEREAS, there are several public and private sector organizations in Washington such as the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA), AGORA, Computer Technology Investigators Network (CTIN), INFRAGARD, WSA Security Special Interest Group, Washington State Computer Incident Response Center (WACIRC), Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) and other similar organizations working together to increase cyber security and computer user awareness in our state; and

WHEREAS, the citizens, businesses and government agencies of Washington play an important role in securing cyberspace;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2005 as:

Cyber Security Awareness Month

in the State of Washington and encourage all Washington citizens to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools and workplaces.

Signed this 28th day of September, 2005

Christine Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

