



## CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

### INFORMATION SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use information technology for a variety of tasks, including accessing government services, keeping in contact with family and friends, managing finances, conducting research, enhancing education and conducting other business; and

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

**WHEREAS**, information technology users and the information infrastructure daily face increasing threats of and loss of privacy from malicious attack by viruses as well as malware including spyware and adware; and

**WHEREAS**, each year 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 and local governments enhance cyber security; and the Virginia Information Technologies Agency provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the information security of this Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, there are national organizations, such as the non-profit National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), policymakers, government agencies, private sector companies, and non-profit entities helping consumers, businesses, educational leaders and our youth to protect themselves online; and

**WHEREAS**, each one of us plays an important role in securing our cyberspace. Awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the Commonwealth of Virginia's information infrastructure and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center and the National Cyber Security Alliance have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Timothy M. Kaine, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2008, as **INFORMATION SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH** in the Commonwealth of Virginia and encourage all the citizens of this Commonwealth to learn about information security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.



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Governor

Handwritten signature of Katherine F. Hanley in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth