

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2009 AS
NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, 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, 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, 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 Washtenaw County's information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, National Cyber Security Awareness Month is meant to make citizens keenly aware of the risks and vulnerabilities of being online and to empower them to securely use the internet

WHEREAS, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states and local governments enhance cyber security; and the Michigan Department of Information Technology provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of this government; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (www.us-cert.gov), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msisac.org), the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, (www.nascio.org) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with the Michigan Department of Information Technology (<http://www.michigan.gov/dit/>) to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the month of October, 2009 as National Cyber Security Month, and may we continue to be vigilant of cyber security issues and be safe and secure when using our computers or the internet.