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Most Texans use the Internet for a variety of tasks. In our private lives, we keep in contact with our family and friends, manage our finances, enhance our education and conduct our business through the Internet. In our collective life, critical sectors of our economy are increasingly reliant on information systems to support telecommunications, transportation, financial services, energy, health care, and emergency response systems.

Unfortunately, Internet users and the information infrastructure they use face an increasing threat of malicious attacks by viruses and an escalating loss of privacy from spyware and adware intrusions. Each year there are significant instances of identity theft and fraud linked to careless Internet usage.

Each one of us plays an important role in securing our own sector of cyberspace. There are many resources available for learning about cyber security. The Texas Department of Information Resources, national governmental agencies, private sector companies and non-profit entities conduct extensive public awareness campaigns to help consumers, businesses, educational leaders and youth to protect themselves while online. Awareness of computer security essentials will improve cyber security.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2007 as:

## **Cyber Security Awareness Month**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

*Rick Perry*  
Governor