



# 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:*

## **CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, many citizens of the Commonwealth use the Internet to keep in contact with family and friends, manage their finances, engage in e-commerce, and get the latest news; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia's primary and secondary schools use the Internet to enhance the education of our youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of information technology at institutions of higher education is crucial to teaching and learning, research and discovery, and outreach and service; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia businesses use information systems and networks to manage their businesses and expand their customer reach; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious attack by viruses along with the loss of privacy from spyware and adware; and

**WHEREAS**, each year there are significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

**WHEREAS**, continued awareness of computer security essentials will improve Virginia's economy and infrastructure;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize October 2010 as **CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth