

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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SYNOPSIS

Designates October of each year as “Cyber Security Awareness Month.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the month of October of each
2 year as “Cyber Security Awareness Month” in the State of New
3 Jersey.
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5 **WHEREAS**, Universal access to cyberspace has become a vital resource
6 in our society, allowing the residents of New Jersey to better
7 connect with family and friends, complete business transactions
8 remotely, work more efficiently, achieve educational goals, and
9 connect to digital resources and services; and
10 **WHEREAS**, Protecting cyberspace should be of paramount importance,
11 as this infrastructure is vulnerable to a wide range of threats
12 perpetrated through cyberspace, such as banking and financial
13 fraud, intellectual property violations, child pornography, human
14 exploitation, and other crimes, all of which have substantial social
15 and economic consequences; and
16 **WHEREAS**, In 2017, the Office of the Attorney General and the New
17 Jersey Division of State Police (DSP) announced that 687 cyber
18 data breaches affecting more than 116,000 New Jersey account
19 holders were reported to the DSP in calendar year 2016; and
20 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications
21 Integration Cell brings together analysts and engineers for cyber
22 security information sharing, threat analysis, and incident reporting
23 to fight against cyber threats on behalf of New Jersey residents and
24 businesses; and
25 **WHEREAS**, While the government can take steps to maintain a safe
26 cyber community, the government alone cannot solve the problem,
27 as cyber security is a shared responsibility; and
28 **WHEREAS**, The federal “Stop.Think.Connect.” campaign has been
29 designated as the national public awareness campaign implemented
30 through a coalition of private companies, nonprofits, government
31 organizations, and academic institutions working together to
32 increase the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the
33 American public to be safer and more secure online; and
34 **WHEREAS**, the President of the United States, the U.S. Department of
35 Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and
36 Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief
37 Information Officers, and the National Cyber Security Alliance
38 have declared the month of October as National Cyber Security
39 Awareness Month; and
40 **WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey recognizes that it is in the best
41 interest of its citizens that people of all ages should know how to
42 take appropriate measures to protect their online accounts and
43 personal information and declares October as “Cyber Security
44 Awareness Month” in this State to educate and inform the residents
45 of New Jersey about the risks of the internet and the importance of
46 being safe and responsible online; now, therefore,

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