ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 54

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Designates October of each year as "Cyber Security Awareness Month."



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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

being safe and responsible online; now, therefore,

personal information and declares October as "Cyber Security

Awareness Month" in this State to educate and inform the residents

of New Jersey about the risks of the internet and the importance of

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1	BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate and General Assembly of	of the
2	State of New Jersey:	

1. October of each year is designated as "Cyber Security Awareness Month" in New Jersey to educate the citizens of the State on the risks of the Internet and the importance of being safe and responsible online.

 2. The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation and call upon public officials, private organizations, and all citizens of this State to observe "Cyber Security Awareness Month" with appropriate activities and programs.

3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This joint resolution designates the month of October as "Cyber Security Awareness Month" in New Jersey to educate the citizens of the State on the risks of the Internet and the importance of being safe and responsible cyberspace users. The resolution also requires the Governor to issue a proclamation calling on public officials and citizens of New Jersey to observe October as "Cyber Security Awareness Month."

Access to cyberspace has become a vital resource in our society, allowing the residents of New Jersey to better connect with family and friends, complete business transactions remotely, work more efficiently, achieve educational goals, and connect to digital resources and services. Although this access to cyberspace provides many benefits, there are also potential risks to our confidential information, personal privacy, and personal safety. This resolution will allow the State to increase awareness, education, and training to create a digital community that is safer in this State.