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Most Texans use the Internet for a variety of tasks. As individuals, we keep in contact with family and friends, manage finances, enhance education and conduct business through the Internet. As a state and a nation, we increasingly rely on the Internet to support critical sectors of our economy, including 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. They must also stay vigilant against criminals who would commit identity theft and fraud.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center and the National Cyber Security Alliance have designated October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month to promote safer habits among Internet users.

At this time, I urge all Texans to educate themselves about what types of information they should and should not divulge online, the latest frauds being attempted by scam artists and other basics of cyber security.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2009,

Cyber Security Awareness Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 22nd day of September, 2009.

Rick Perry

Governor of Texas