

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2015 AS

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, we recognize the vital role that technology has in our daily lives and in the future of our Nation, whereby today many people in schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education and conducting business; and

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

WHEREAS, the use of the Internet at the primary and secondary school levels in San Mateo County enhances the education of youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and, at institutions of higher education, the use of information technology is integral to teaching and learning, research and outreach and service; and

WHEREAS, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber-attack, significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has established the Office of Cybersecurity and Communications and devoted resources within it solely to support the strengthening and securing of the country’s cyber infrastructure at the state, local, tribal, and territorial levels; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role of learning best practices by researching the Stop. Think. Connect.TM Campaign website, and maintaining awareness of computer security essentials which will improve the security of San Mateo County information infrastructure and economy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates October 2015 as CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH and encourages all residents of San Mateo County to learn about cyber security and to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

Dated: October 20, 2015

Supervisors:

Carole Groom, President

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors