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National Cyber Security Awareness Month

The Internet is a shared resource, and securing it is our shared responsibility.

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National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) is now its 14th year. This annual month-long event dedicates October to reminding all digital citizens and businesses that protecting our computers and networks is "Our Shared Responsibility" and that everyone plays a critical role in promoting safe computing. The NCSAM is led by the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The month's primary goal is to provide Internet users and businesses with the information and tools they need to be safer and more secure online, including education about how to protect personal information in today's highly connected world. Everyone can join in and be a part of the something big by becoming a NCSAM 2017 Champion. Hundreds of organizations and individuals have officially signed on as Champions to support the month. NCSAM Champions strengthen and boost the greater effort by spreading the word and host NCSAM Partner Events about online safety at home, at work, and in the community.
NCSAM 2017 kicked off on October 1st with a strong reminder for all digital citizens to

STOP: make sure security measures are in place
THINK: about the consequences of your actions and behaviors online
CONNECT: and enjoy the Internet.

Our second week's theme was:

Cybersecurity in the Workplace is Everyone's Business

Whatever your place of work – whether it's a large or small organization, healthcare provider, academic institution or government agency – creating a culture of cybersecurity from the breakroom to the board room is essential and a shared responsibility among all employees. NCSA's advice, based on national standards, recommends that organizations have a plan in place to **identify** your digital "crown jewels," **protect** your assets, be able to **detect** incidents, have a plan for **responding**, and quickly **recover** normal operations. You can help your organization do this: take part in cybersecurity discussions, learn how to

protect the digital “crown jewels,” and what to do if you detect an incident. Then expand this to your home: identify what you would hate to lose, and ensure that information is protected with antivirus software and backed up somewhere else. Be sure everyone in your family knows how to detect and recover from an incident.

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