



City of Palo Alto
City Council Staff Report

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Summary Title: Cyber Security Proclamation

Title: Presentation of Cyber Security Proclamation for Participating in the National Cyber Security Awareness Campaign, in October 2015, Which is Designated by the President of the United States as National Cyber Security Awareness to Guide the Nation to a Higher Level of Internet Safety and Security

From: City Manager

Lead Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Proclamation Recognizing October as Cyber Security Month (DOC)

CITY OF PALO ALTO PROCLAMATION

Cybersecurity Awareness Month October 2015

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats that may have a significant impact to our individual security and privacy; and

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

WHEREAS, the “Stop.Think.Connect.” campaign is a national public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, and academic institutions aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, in support of the Cybersecurity Framework and to better assist business and government entities in addressing cyber threats, the Center for Internet Security/Multi-State (ISAC), the Council on CyberSecurity, the Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council, and public and private sector entities have developed an effort to promote good cyber hygiene through actionable guidance for governments and businesses, to promote innovation, to strengthen cybersecurity investment, and to enhance resilience across all sectors; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the City of Palo Alto’s information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America, the United States Department of Homeland Security (www.dhs.gov/cyber) and the National Cybersecurity Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) have declared October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and all citizens are encouraged to visit the “Stop.Think.Connect.” campaign website at: www.dhs.gov/stophinkconnect or www.stophinkconnect.org, and to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and places of businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Holman, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim that the City of Palo Alto supports National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and the National Public Awareness Campaign *Stop.Think.Connect.*

Presented: September 2015

Karen Holman
Mayor