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Memorandum

To: Agency CIOs and Security Liaisons
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Subject: Cyber Security Awareness Month
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The Enterprise Security and Risk Management Office is participating in the National Cyber Security Awareness Month to remind all of us that protecting our information technology is important, both at home and at work.

The Cyber Security Month portal site (<http://esrmo.scio.nc.gov/CyberSecurity.htm>) includes Governor Perdue's Proclamation of October as Cyber Security Awareness Month. The site is rich with information and links to help you and your employees better secure both work and home environments.

The National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO), the professional association of my colleagues across the country, is supporting this effort for the sixth consecutive year.

It is a shared responsibility that we all have as computer users to take steps to protect your portion of cyberspace and stay safe while on-line. Please review our web site that is noted above and review what you can do as an employee and citizen of North Carolina to protect valuable assets when using information technology and the Internet. Everyone can practice good cyber security. It is just a matter of being aware how vulnerable you are to a security risk and compromise and what you can do to prevent a cyber attack.

I hope you will use National Cyber Security Awareness Month to stress the importance of cyber security and provide your employees with common-sense recommendations for keeping themselves and their families safe.