

PROCLAMATION



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Whereas, the City of Ridgeland Mississippi recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective security and privacy; 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 Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign has been designated as the National Public Awareness Campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, as well as academic institutions working together to increase the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online; and

Whereas, the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community (C3) Voluntary Program have been developed as free resources to help organizations (large and small, both public and private) implement the Cybersecurity Framework and improve their cyber practices through a practical approach to addressing evolving threats and challenges; and

Whereas, President Barack Obama signed Executive Order 13691, Promoting Private Sector Cybersecurity Information Sharing, to encourage and promote sharing of cybersecurity threat information within the private sector and between the private sector and government through the development of Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations; 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 Ridgeland, Mississippi information infrastructure and economy; and

Whereas, the President of the United States of America, the U. S. Department of Homeland Security (www.dhs.gov/cyber), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msisac.org), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with the City of Ridgeland Mississippi (www.ridgelandms.org) and the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign website (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cyber security; and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

Now Therefore, I, GENE F. MCGEE, Mayor of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi do hereby proclaim that the City of Ridgeland Mississippi is officially supporting **National Cyber Security Awareness Month and the National Public Awareness Campaign, Stop.Think.Connect.**

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this the
_____ 14th _____ day of _____ October _____ in the year of
our Lord, _____ 2015

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

