

**FORSYTH COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2015 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 8

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH AND SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN, STOP.THINK.CONNECT.**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:** Recommend Approval

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**

See attached

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE: *J. Andrew Watts, Jr.* DATE: October 21, 2015  
COUNTY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY  
AWARENESS MONTH AND SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS  
CAMPAIGN, STOP.THINK.CONNECT.**

**WHEREAS**, Forsyth County recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying and responding to cyber threats that may have a significant impact on the individual and collective security and privacy of its residents; 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.<sup>TM</sup> Campaign ([www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect) or [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) has been designated as the National Public Awareness Campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and governmental organizations, as well as academic institutions working together to increase the understanding of cyber threats and empower 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 person plays a critical role and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Forsyth County's 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](http://www.dhs.gov/cyber)), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center ([www.msisac.org](http://www.msisac.org)), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers ([www.nascio.org](http://www.nascio.org)), and the National Cyber Security Alliance ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all Forsyth County residents are encouraged to visit the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign website ([www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect) or [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) to learn about cyber security; and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month and supports the National Public Awareness Campaign, Stop.Think.Connect.

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015.