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October Is Cyber Security Awareness Month

(ATLANTA) – Cyber Attacks have become more sophisticated and more frequent in the past few years, with businesses and government agencies targeted by ransomware and other scams. The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency is recognizing October as Cyber Security Awareness Month, and is encouraging citizens, businesses and government agencies across the state to learn how to secure their information through computers, mobile phones and other devices.

“We all depend on technology to be able to conduct daily business at work and at home,” said GEMA/HS Director Chris Stallings. “This dependence on technology, coupled with the increasing threat of cyber-attacks demands greater security. Cyber Security Awareness Month is a perfect opportunity to explore resources and learn how to deal effectively with these threats.”

Each week Georgians are encouraged to STOP. THINK. CONNECT. Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility, and we each must do our part to keep the Internet safe. The themes each week during Cyber Security Awareness Month are:

Week of October 4 (Week 1): Be Cyber Smart.

Week of October 11 (Week 2): Phight the Phish!

Week of October 18 (Week 3): Explore. Experience. Share. – Cybersecurity Career Awareness Week

Week of October 25 (Week 4): Cybersecurity First

For tips and tools to get your family and community cyber prepared, visit gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgia. Additional preparedness information is also available from your local EMA director.

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As part of the Office of the Governor, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency collaborates with local, state and federal governments in partnership with private sector and non-governmental organizations to protect life and property against man-made and natural emergencies. GEMA/HS's *Ready Georgia* website and preparedness campaign provides Georgians with the knowledge needed to effectively prepare for disasters. Go to gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgia for information on developing a custom emergency plan and Ready kit.