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## Secretary Napolitano Launches National Cyber Security Awareness Month 2012

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WASHINGTON—Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano today launched the ninth annual National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

"From the kitchen table to the classroom, from business transactions to essential government operations and services, cybersecurity is an issue that touches all of us," said Secretary Napolitano. "To ensure our nation's security in cyberspace, each of us must play our part. National Cyber Security Awareness Month reminds us that being safer and more secure online is a shared responsibility and we are urging the public and private sector to join DHS to ACT—'Achieve Cybersecurity Together.'"

As part of a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) effort to raise awareness about online safety across the nation, DHS National Protection and Programs Directorate Deputy Under Secretary for Cybersecurity Mark Weatherford today participated in a kick-off event with White House Cybersecurity Coordinator Michael Daniel, and Nebraska Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

During National Cyber Security Awareness Month, DHS will call on all Americans to ACT—Achieve Cybersecurity Together. Each week throughout October, DHS leaders will visit various cities across the nation to raise awareness and educate Americans on cybersecurity. DHS recognizes that partnership and collaboration are crucial to ensuring that all Americans take responsibility for their actions online. To that end, DHS is continuing to grow the Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign, which is a year-round national public awareness campaign implemented in coordination with public and private sector stakeholders and designed to engage and challenge Americans to join the effort to practice and promote safe online practices.

October is designated as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and is focused on engaging and educating Americans and the private sector about the importance of a safe and resilient cyberspace.

For more information, visit [here](#).

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