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Promoting National Cyber Security Awareness Month

To All Chief Executive Officers/Cyber Security Contacts:

As you have heard me say repeatedly, I regard cyber threats as the greatest external risk facing the banking industry today. However, the reality is that cybersecurity is a societal issue affecting every consumer and every business, not just the banking industry. Cyber threats are broad and growing so rapidly that our entire society must engage in a new way of thinking.

In response, I am asking you to promote National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) to both your employees and your customers. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has developed extensive resources ([listed below](#)), which include samples of newsletter articles, short emails for sending tips/suggestions, weekly/daily posters, etc. These resources enable the promoting of NCSAM to be relatively easy for your staff.

Ideally, you can designate a qualified staff person to identify the aspects of the DHS provided material that you will promote, along with preparing the material for distribution. National Cyber Security Awareness Month is a great time to have someone (bank member or a consultant) speak at a local civic event about the growing threats our society is facing and how we all have shared responsibility in safeguarding information. It is also a great opportunity to outline the measures your bank takes to protect customer data and to mention some simple steps they can begin taking to counter cyber risks.

As a societal threat, we all have a civic duty to help reduce cyber risk. National Cyber Security Awareness Month is an easy way for all of us to raise awareness of the threats and the measures needed to make cyber space safer. The Texas Department of Banking will be promoting NCSAM, and I ask you to also take part.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Resources:

[StaySafeOnline](#)

[Tips and Resources](#)

[Promoting National Security Awareness Month](#)

[Guide for Business Owners](#)

[Guide for Parents-and-Educators](#)