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Designating September in 2006, and in each succeeding year, as Internet Safety Month in Virginia.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, more than 90 percent of children in the United States between the ages of five years old and 17 years old now use computers; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50 percent of children in that age group use the Internet; and

WHEREAS, approximately 31 percent of youths in the United States have visited an inappropriate website on the Internet; and

WHEREAS, approximately 18 percent of those children have visited an inappropriate website more than once; and

WHEREAS, approximately 33 percent of students of the United States in grades five through 12 have chatted with an individual they have not met in person; and

WHEREAS, approximately 11.5 percent of those students have later met with a stranger that they chatted with on the Internet; and

WHEREAS, approximately 39 percent of youths of the United States in grades five through 12 have admitted giving out their personal information, including their name, age, and gender, over the Internet; and

WHEREAS, approximately 14 percent of those youths have received mean or threatening email while on the Internet; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate September in 2006, and in each succeeding year, as Internet Safety Month in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, commend and recognize national, state, and local organizations for promoting awareness of the dangers of the Internet and providing information and training that develops critical thinking and decision-making skills that are needed to use the Internet safely; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this month on the General Assembly's website.

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