National CYBERSECURITY ALLIANCE

Make a Digital New Year's Resolution:
Keep Your Computer Systems and Software Up to Date

This New Year, making a pledge to protect your online life is a digital must do. Intel, the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) and Microsoft have an easy-to-implement solution for your New Year's resolution: #UpdateMeow and keep your systems and software current. The message is simple: when you receive an update notification from your device manufacturer or operating system vendor, verify the source and apply the update. It's one of the easiest ways to help keep devices secure.

• **Join Update Cat along with his feline friends and #UpdateMeow:**
Since the majority of people fail to stick to personal promises like vowing to exercise and saving more money, consider kicking off 2019 by taking one simple step that will help protect everyone online. #UpdateMeow is a feline-friendly way to remind internet users to perform system and software "updates now." It's a cinch, has multiple benefits and will help keep your devices secure, protect data and deliver an amazing computing experience.

In addition to keeping your systems and software up to date, NCSA shares two popular pieces of tried-and-true advice to help keep everyone better protected throughout the year:

• **Lock down your login:** One of the most critical things you can do in preparation for the year ahead is to fortify your online accounts by enabling the strongest authentication tools available, such as a unique one-time code through an app on your mobile device. Your usernames and passwords are not enough to protect key accounts like email, banking and social media. Learn more at lockdownyourlogin.org

• **Manage Your Privacy Settings:** Get off on the right foot in 2019 and gear up to help protect your privacy. Want to view or change your privacy/security settings, but don't know where to find them? Visit staysafeonline.org and use the direct links provided to update your privacy settings on popular devices and online services.