



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Cybersecurity education and awareness is crucial for anyone who connects to the internet, be it with a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected device, as critical infrastructure (i.e., financial services, educational institutions, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems, etc.) is increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and
- WHEREAS:** Monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing antivirus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices and other internet-connect devices safely are ways people and organizations can protect themselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, other types of malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and
- WHEREAS:** The STOP. THINK. CONNECT™ Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit, government organizations, and academic institutions working together to increase the public's understanding of cyber threats and empowering Americans to be safer and more secure online; and
- WHEREAS:** Maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of essential cyber hygiene will improve security of the nation and state's information, infrastructure, and economy; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Technology Authority works to protect and enhance the State of Georgia's cybersecurity ecosystem, and is responsible for partner coordination at the Georgia Cyber Center, a state-of-the-art facility designed to promote modernization in cybersecurity technology for both the public and private sectors, further building on Georgia's status as a leader in cybersecurity with over 75 companies generating an estimated \$2.6 billion annually; and
- WHEREAS:** Cybersecurity Awareness Month presents an opportunity for Georgians to be engaged with and informed about the importance strengthening cybersecurity and building our cybersecurity workforce, thereby learning how to stay safe online and connect with confidence; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2022, as CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha Kipertich

CHIEF OF STAFF