

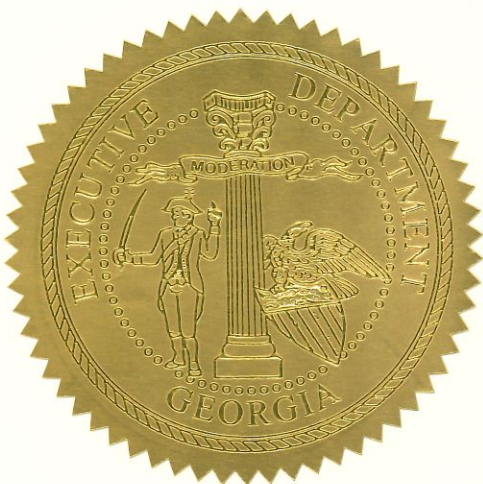
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

A PROCLAMATION

DEFENSE INDUSTRY CYBER AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Cybersecurity is a prerequisite for our state to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of critical data for Georgia businesses; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is committed to providing an environment that fosters trust and confidence for all citizens and businesses; and
- WHEREAS:** Defense contracting represents approximately \$15B spent in the state of Georgia, ranking 12th in the nation. Approximately 4,000 Georgia businesses engage in the defense sector; and
- WHEREAS:** Basic cybersecurity hygiene is essential to support the rapidly evolving cyber landscape and ensure the success of all Georgia businesses. Education, reliable information, and informed solutions are essential to equip businesses within the defense industrial base (DIB) to sustain current contracts and win new business; and
- WHEREAS:** On March 1, the Georgia Institute of Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (GaMEP), the Technology Association of Georgia Education Collaborative (TAG-Ed), Technology Association of Georgia Columbus Chapter, the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce, and Columbus State University (CSU) partnered to provide local DIB contractors and suppliers with a Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) 2.0 workshop. The workshop helped contractors understand the essentials of CMMC 2.0, the return on investment from compliance, consequences of non-compliance, and resources available; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 18, 2023, as DEFENSE INDUSTRY CYBER AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martha K. Lippert

CHIEF OF STAFF