



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** 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:** Cybersecurity education and awareness is crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet, be it with a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected device; 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.TM 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 the security of Georgia's information, infrastructure, and economy; and
- WHEREAS:** Cybersecurity Awareness Month presents the opportunity for Georgians to be inspired, engaged, and informed about the importance of 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 2021 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 24th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF