



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impacts to our individual and collective security and privacy; and
- WHEREAS:** Critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; 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; 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 anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices safely are ways you can protect yourself from phishing, viruses, malware, 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, nonprofits, 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 computer security essentials will improve the security of Georgia's information, infrastructure, and economy; and
- WHEREAS:** The Federal Government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, and the National Cyber Security Alliance all recognize October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2019 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 14th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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