



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety 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, 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**, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework has been developed as a free resource to help organizations (both large and small, public and private) improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing the ever evolving cybersecurity threats and challenges; 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 State of Tennessee's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee Cybersecurity Advisory Council was established to enhance and protect the State of Tennessee's cybersecurity ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency ([www.dhs.gov/CISA](http://www.dhs.gov/CISA)), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (<http://msisac.cisecurity.org>), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers ([www.nascio.org](http://www.nascio.org)), and the National Cyber Security Alliance ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)) all recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, along with <https://www.tn.gov/finance/strategic-technology-solutions/strategic-technology-solutions/sts-security-policies/security-awareness.html> and the STOP. THINK. CONNECT. Campaign website ([www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect) or [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as

*Cyber Security Awareness Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-fifth day of September, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State