WHEREAS, one of the State of Tennessee's priorities is to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the data that is shared, received, processed, and stored; 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 are crucial for anyone who connects to the internet; and

WHEREAS, safe practices help mitigate cyber threats to the state's networks and environment; 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 Tennessee Cyber Hub is a collaborative source for cybersecurity awareness and information-sharing across the State; and

WHEREAS, STOP.THINK.CONNECT.

WHEREAS, awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the 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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as Cybersecurity 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 nineteenth day of September 2022.

Governor

Secretary of State