



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

**WHEREAS**, critical infrastructure is increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and

**WHEREAS**, cybersecurity education and threat awareness are crucial for anyone who connects to the internet using a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected device; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining security in 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 the State's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, to help protect ourselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, and other types of malware every user should monitor their accounts, be conscientious of what is shared online, keep computer software up to date, create unique passwords and change them regularly, install antivirus programs and firewalls; and

**WHEREAS**, as a part of the focus on cyber security awareness the goal to inform the public of the increasing demand for individuals who are interested in career opportunities within the area of cybersecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Cybersecurity Advisory Council was established in 1999 to help enhance and protect the State of Tennessee's cybersecurity ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens are encouraged to reduce online risks by using resources and learning about cybersecurity so they can put that knowledge into practice when accessing the internet;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 2023 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-seventh day of September 2023.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State