



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 cybersecurity 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 2024 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 August 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Knight

Secretary of State