

State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State recognizes its vital role in identifying, protecting people from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact on our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

Whereas, critical infrastructure is increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, emergency response systems, and elections; and

Whereas, cybersecurity education and awareness benefit all sectors of society, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to and uses the internet; and

Whereas, monitoring bank, credit, and other financial accounts, being conscientious of online sharing and web browsing, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using email and mobile devices safely are ways people can protect themselves from phishing, viruses, malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

Whereas, New York State joins in the observance of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and is dedicated to providing every individual, public, and private organization with the necessary resources to successfully meet the objectives of this observance and help New Yorkers connect confidently and maintain online safety; 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 Framework is a free resource to help organizations – both large and small, and public and private – improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing the increasingly complex and ever-evolving cybersecurity threats and challenges to society; and

Whereas, we all share a responsibility to support and take steps that will help maintain the security of the collective cyberspace, as awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of New York State's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

Whereas, the New York State Information Technology's Chief Information Security Office, the Department of Financial Services Cyber Security Resource Center, and the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services' Cyber Incidence Response Team were established to enhance and protect New York State'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.cisa.gov), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (<https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac>), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) all recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month; all users of computers and other electronic communication devices are encouraged to visit these websites, and the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign website (www.cisa.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn more about cybersecurity, develop safe and smart habits when communicating and conducting business online and via the internet, and to put that knowledge into practice in homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

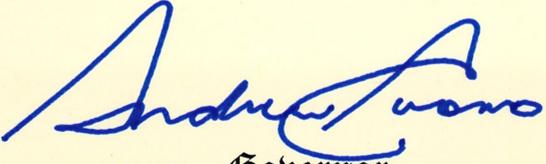
Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-third day of September in the year two thousand twenty.


Governor


Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa