



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, the State of Ohio plays 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 – including financial services, educational institutions, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems – is increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and

WHEREAS, cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet, be it with a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected device; 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 antivirus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices and other internet-connect devices safely are ways people and organizations can protect themselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, other types of malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

WHEREAS, we showcase the need to inspire, engage, and inform the public about the demand, opportunities, and career options available within the area of cybersecurity and highlight how building the nation's and Ohio's cybersecurity workforce enhances the nation's security and promotes economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of government and nonprofit organizations, private companies, 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, maintaining the security of 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 information, infrastructure, and economy; and

NOW, THEREFORE We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Ohio, do hereby recognize October 2022 as

NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

on this 1st day of October 2022.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor