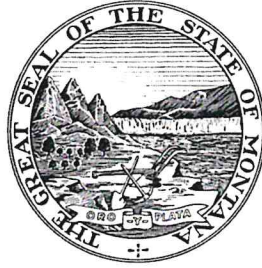


STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure, such as 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 else who connects to the internet, whether with a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected device; 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 Montana's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework is a free resource to help organizations – both large and small, public, and private – improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing ever-evolving cybersecurity threats and challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Information Security Advisory Council (MT-ISAC) was established in June of 2015 to enhance and protect the State of Montana's cybersecurity ecosystem;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim October 2021 to be

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana to encourage Montanans to learn about ways to protect against cyber threats.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor