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 small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet, whether it be through a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected device; and*

WHEREAS, *maintaining cybersecurity is a shared responsibility, and awareness of good cybersecurity will protect Montana's information, infrastructure, and economy; and*

WHEREAS, *the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework is a free resource to help organizations improve their cybersecurity practices; 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 2025*

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana and encourage Montanans to educate themselves and protect against cyber threats.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor