



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

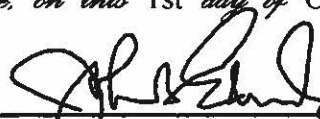
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the state of Louisiana recognizes its vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from and responding to cyber threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective security and privacy; and
- WHEREAS,** all aspects of Louisiana's economy are becoming increasingly reliant on technology, which exposes our computer networks and information systems to the risk of cyber-attacks; and
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission was established in December 2017 to enhance and protect the state's cybersecurity ecosystem; and
- WHEREAS,** the state of Louisiana works with federal and private sector stakeholders to achieve cybersecurity that spans across state and local lines using a whole governmental approach; and
- WHEREAS,** critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care and emergency response systems; and
- WHEREAS,** the prevalence of malware, cyberattacks and other virtual threats targeted at internet users and Louisiana's information technology infrastructure are increasing by the day and ransomware attacks on government infrastructure and critical infrastructure services nationwide have spiked; 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 computer security essentials will improve the security of the state of Louisiana's information, infrastructure and economy; and
- WHEREAS** Cybersecurity Awareness Month is intended to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity, provide them with tools and resources needed to stay safe online and increase the resiliency of the state of Louisiana in the event of a cyber incident.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of
Baton Rouge, on this 1st day of October A.D.
2021.*


Governor of Louisiana