

Office of the Governor



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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the state of Louisiana recognizes its vital role in protecting its citizens from and responding to cyber threats that can significantly impact individual security and privacy, as well as access to essential critical infrastructure functions; and
- WHEREAS,** both Louisiana and the nation's economy heavily rely on technology and communications, which exposes computer networks and information systems to the risk of cyber-attacks; and
- WHEREAS,** the prevalence of malware, ransomware, denial of service attacks, and other virtual threats targeted at internet users, critical infrastructure elements, and Louisiana's information technology infrastructure are rapidly increasing; and
- WHEREAS,** foreseeing these potential vulnerabilities, I created the Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission in 2017 and Emergency Support Function – 17 in 2019 to respectively enhance Louisiana's cyber posture and ability to respond to cyber incidents affecting the state; and
- WHEREAS,** achieving better cybersecurity and defensive postures requires Louisiana's private and public entities to combine efforts in threat intelligence sharing, cyber hygiene best practices, and public awareness using a whole governmental approach; and
- WHEREAS,** maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared, critical responsibility for every citizen, business, and political subdivision as collective awareness of cyber hygiene practices improves cybersecurity across all levels of government and critical infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS,** Cybersecurity Awareness Month is intended to engage and educate individuals, as well as public and private sector entities, about important events, awareness raising initiatives, available tools and resources to enhance Louisiana's cybersecurity posture and defensive abilities.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, **John Bel Edwards**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2022 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., 2022.



John Bel Edwards
Governor