**<INSERT NAME OF GOVERNMENT ENTITY>**

**Office of the <INSERT LEADERSHIP POSITITON TITLE>**

**Support of Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2021**

**WHEREAS,** the <INSERT NAME OF GOVERNMENT ENTITY> recognizes that it 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 (i.e., financial services, educational institutions, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems, etc.) is increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and

**WHEREAS,** cybersecurity education and awareness is 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 <INSERT NAME OF JURISDICTION>’s cybersecurity workforce enhances the nation’s security and promotes economic prosperity; and

**WHEREAS,** I <INSERT NAME AND LEADERSHIP POSITITON TITLE> am dedicated to providing every individual and public and private organization in <INSERT NAME OF JURISDICTION> the resources necessary to ensure the understanding, implementation, and success of Cybersecurity Awareness Month to help the citizens of <INSERT NAME OF JURISDICTION> stay safe online and connect with confidence; and

**WHEREAS,** the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit, government organizations, 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,** 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 the ever-evolving cybersecurity threats and challenges; 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 <INSERT NAME OF GOVERNMENT ENTITY>’s information, infrastructure, and economy; and

**WHEREAS,** the <INSERT NAME OF GOVERNMENT ENTITY CYBERSECURITY CENTER OR PROGRAM> was established in <INSERT MONTH AND YEAR> to enhance and protect the <INSERT NAME OF GOVERNMENT ENTITY>’s cybersecurity ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS,** the Federal Government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency ([www.cisa.gov](http://www.cisa.gov)), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (<https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac>), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers ([www.nascio.org](http://www.nascio.org)), and the National Cyber Security Alliance ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)) all recognize October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, along with <INSERT THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY CYBERSECURITY AGENCY URL> and the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign website ([www.cisa.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.cisa.gov/stopthinkconnect) or [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

**Now, therefore,** I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, <INSERT LEADERSHIP POSITION> of the <INSERT GOVERNMENT ENTITY>, do hereby proclaim that the <INSERT GOVERNMENT ENTITY> is officially supporting Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2021.