



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

2022

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina plays a vital role in identifying, and fighting cybersecurity threats that endanger our security and privacy, our economy and our critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure increasingly relies on information systems and technology to operate, including support for financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's Whole-of-State approach to cybersecurity increases sharing of intelligence about threats, enhances preparedness, and provides a unified approach to statewide cyber defense; and

WHEREAS, cyberattacks, which are ever evolving and increasingly sophisticated, continue to concern state and local governments, schools, colleges, and universities due to their potentially devastating impact on North Carolina's critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, all people, businesses, government agencies, and schools play a critical role in maintaining the security of cyberspace, and the awareness of cybersecurity essentials will improve the security of North Carolina's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

WHEREAS, people can help strengthen our overall cybersecurity and protect themselves from phishing, viruses, malware, and loss of sensitive data by developing good cyber habits, such as monitoring their accounts, being mindful of what they share online, keeping operating systems and applications up to date, creating strong, unique passwords and changing them regularly, enabling multi-factor authentication where possible, and installing anti-virus programs and firewalls; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cooper signed Executive Order 254 on March 16, 2022, establishing the Joint Cybersecurity Task Force to provide crucial services to North Carolina in preventing and responding to cybersecurity breaches and attacks, including increased threats arising from Russia's recent unlawful invasion of Ukraine;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2022, as "**CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-ninth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.