



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

**2021**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina plays a vital role in identifying and protecting residents from and responding to cyberthreats that might have a significant impact on our individual security, collective security and privacy; 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 making awareness of cybersecurity essential to improve the security of North Carolina's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's Whole-of-State approach to cybersecurity provides for increased threat intelligence sharing, enhanced preparedness, and a unified approach to statewide cyber defense; and

**WHEREAS**, cyberattacks, which are ever-evolving and growing more sophisticated, continue to be an increasing concern for state, local, and academic institutions because of their potentially devastating impact to the state's critical infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework is a free resource to help organizations improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing the ever-evolving cybersecurity threats and challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, Stop. Think. Connect.™ is a national cybersecurity public awareness campaign implemented by a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, and academic institutions working together to increase the understanding of cyberthreats and empower the American public to be safer and more secure online; and

**WHEREAS**, people can help 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, installing anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices safely;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2021, as "NATIONAL 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 thirtieth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.