

State of Maine



**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine, Office of Information Technology plays a vital role in protecting the State's cybersecurity ecosystem from a wide range of cybersecurity threats, all of which pose a significant risk to the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the State's infrastructure and systems, as well as our collective safety and privacy; and

**WHEREAS**, critical infrastructure, including financial services, educational institutions, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems, is increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and

**WHEREAS**, monitoring accounts, being conscientious of what is shared online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords, installing antivirus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices and other internet-connected devices safely are ways to protect people and organizations from phishing, viruses, ransomware, other types of malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

**WHEREAS**, the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign, a national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, is a collaborative effort 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**, Cybersecurity Awareness Month is recognized by United States Federal Government, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, and the National Cyber Security Alliance; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine citizens are encouraged to visit the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency website, [www.cisa.gov](http://www.cisa.gov), and the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign website, [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org), to learn about cybersecurity and to put that knowledge into practice in homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great state of Maine, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

## Cybersecurity Awareness Month

in Maine, and I urge all Maine businesses and people to take steps to strengthen our collective cybersecurity resilience.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-ninth day of September Two Thousand Twenty-One

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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Secretary of State  
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