

STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Jersey recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting and responding to cyber threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective security and privacy; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, communications, transportation, utilities, health care and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, the Stop.Think.Connect.TM Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, as well as academic institutions working together to increase the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework has been developed as a free resource to help organizations (large and small, both public and private) improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing evolving 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 computer security essentials will improve the security of New Jersey's information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to visit the websites of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, the National Cyber Security Alliance and the Stop.Think.Connect.TM Campaign (https://www.cisa.gov/stopthinkconnect or https://www.cyber.nj.gov) to learn more about cybersecurity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 2020 AS CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey and encourage residents to learn about cybersecurity and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this second day of October in the year two thousand twenty, the two hundred forty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States.

Al Muy GOVERNOR