

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its residents from, and responding to cyber threats that may have a significant impact on 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, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and,

WHEREAS, cybersecurity education and awareness is crucial for anyone who connects to the internet, be it with a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected devices, as critical infrastructure is increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and,

WHEREAS, enabling multi-factor authentication, using strong passwords, updating software, recognizing and reporting phishing, and using mobile devices and other internet-connected devices safely are ways people and organizations can protect themselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, other malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and,

WHEREAS, the National Cybersecurity Awareness campaign focuses on raising awareness of the importance of cybersecurity and ensuring that all Americans have the resources they need to be safer and more secure online; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology, the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency, the National Cybersecurity Alliance, and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center all recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month - all residents are encouraged to visit the staysafeonline.org and the stop.think.connect.org websites to learn about cybersecurity and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as **Cybersecurity Awareness Month**.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,

this SEVENTEENTH day of SEPTEMBER, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

TWENTY-FOUR,

and of the State of Illinois,

two hundred and FIFTH.



Alexi Giannouch
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR