## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, the State of Delaware plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

Whereas, critical infrastructure such as financial services, educational institutions, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems are increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and

Whereas, monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing antivirus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices and other internet-connected devices safely are ways people and organizations can protect themselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, other types of malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; 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 essential cyber safety will improve the security of State of Delaware's information, infrastructure, and economy.

Now, Therefore, We, John C. Carney, Governor, and Bethany A. Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby declare October 2023

## CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Delaware, and encourage any Delawarean or Delaware business that connects to the internet to promote cybersecurity awareness and education.

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John C. Carney

Governor

Bethany A. Hall-Long Lieutenant Governor

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