

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### **PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

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

**Whereas**, critical infrastructure (i.e., financial services, educational institutions, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems, etc.) is increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and

**Whereas**, cybersecurity education and awareness is crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet, be it with a computer, mobile phone, or other device; and

**Whereas**, monitoring your accounts, being conscientious about 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 harm, and loss of sensitive data; and

**Whereas**, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each individual has a critical role to play, and awareness of essential cyber hygiene will improve the security of the State of Delaware's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

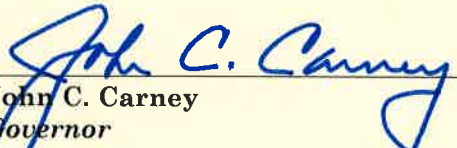
**Whereas**, the State of Delaware's Cyber and Information Security Program was established in June of 2006 to enhance and protect the State's cybersecurity ecosystem.


**Now, Therefore, We, John Carney, Governor,  
and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,**  
do hereby declare October 2021 as

### **CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

in the State of Delaware, and urge all Delawareans to learn about the cybersecurity threats they may encounter online and to follow the best practices for maintaining their safety and privacy.



  
John C. Carney  
Governor

  
Bethany A. Hall-Long  
Lieutenant Governor

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