



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, Alabama recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying and responding to cybersecurity threats and proactively protecting the security and privacy of its citizens from such risks; and*

*WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, healthcare, education and emergency response systems; and*

*WHEREAS, cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, educational institutions, government agencies, non-profit organizations, home users and anyone who connects to the internet through a computer, mobile phone or other internet-connected device; 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 safely using mobile devices and other internet-connected devices are ways people and organizations can protect themselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, malware, financial loss and loss of sensitive data; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama is committed to the education of its citizens, protecting vital information and responding to cybersecurity threats; 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 hygiene will improve the security of the state of Alabama's information, infrastructure and economy;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2023, as*

# *Cybersecurity Awareness Month*

*in the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the  
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City  
of Montgomery on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*