

By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats that may have significant impact on our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

*W*HEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

*W*HEREAS, cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small business, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet – be it with a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected device; and

*W*HEREAS, 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 can protect themselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, other types malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

*W*HEREAS, the STOP.THINK.CONNECT.™ Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, and academic institutions working together to increase the public's understanding of cyber threats and empowering Americans to be safer and more secure online; and

*W*HEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework is a free resource to help organizations – both large and small, public and private – improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing the ever-evolving cybersecurity threats and challenges; and

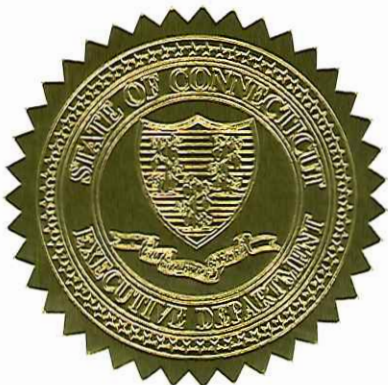
*W*HEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of essential cyber hygiene will improve the security of Connecticut's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

*W*HEREAS, the Federal Government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (www.cisa.gov), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (<https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac>), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cybersecurity Alliance (www.stavsafeonline.org) all recognize October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites and the STOP.THINK.CONNECT.™ Campaign website (www.cisa.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cybersecurity, and to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the month of October 2022, to be

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.



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