

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have a significant impact to our citizen's 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 everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user and anyone who connects to the internet by 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 using mobile devices and other internet- connected devices safely are ways you can protect yourself from phishing, viruses, malware, financial loss and loss of sensitive data; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is committed to the education of our 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 the awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Alabama's information, infrastructure and economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2022, as

## Cybersecurity 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 28th day of September 2022.

Kay Ivey, Governor