

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the State of West Virginia recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats that may have a significant impact on our individual and collective security and privacy; and
- Whereas,** critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems 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, be it with 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 using mobile devices and other internet-connect 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,** we showcase the need to inspire, engage, and inform the public about the demand, opportunities, and career options available within the area of cybersecurity and highlight how building the nation's and West Virginia's cybersecurity workforce enhances the nation's security and promotes economic prosperity; and
- Whereas,** the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit, 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
- Whereas,** the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework and has been developed as a free resource to help organizations large and small, public and private, implement the Cybersecurity Framework and improve their cyber practices through a practical approach to addressing evolving threats and challenges; 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 computer security essentials will improve the security of West Virginia information, infrastructure, and economy; and
- Whereas,** the Federal Government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (www.cisa.gov), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msisc.cisecurity.org), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with the websites for the West Virginia Office of Technology, Office of Information Security and Controls (OISC) (www.technology.wv.gov/security), West Virginia Department of Homeland Security (www.dhs.wv.gov), and the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign (www.cisa.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **October 2022** as:

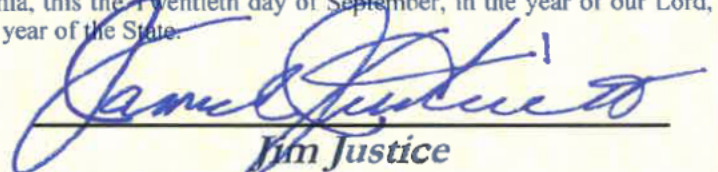
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State