

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, cybersecurity impacts every individual in every region of the state, affecting critical infrastructure, schools, businesses, personal lives and the economy on a local and state level; and

Whereas, the State of West Virginia, Emergency Management Division identifies cybersecurity as vital to the lives of all West Virginians; and

Whereas, cybersecurity education and awareness are 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 accounts, being conscientious about online sharing, updating computer software, 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 loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

Whereas, the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign serves as the National Cybersecurity Public Awareness Campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, non-profit, 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, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and essential cyber awareness will improve the security of West Virginia's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

Whereas, *Cybersecurity Awareness Month* presents the opportunity for West Virginians to be motivated, engaged, and informed about the importance of strengthening cybersecurity and building our cybersecurity workforce, thereby learning how to stay safe online and connect with confidence.

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

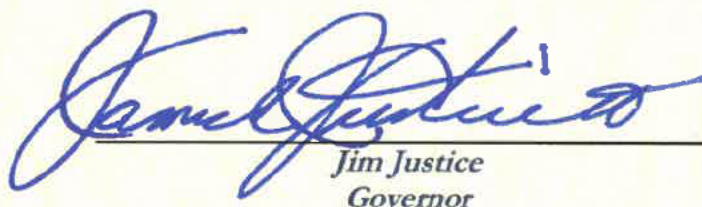
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

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 Twenty-Seventh 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