

PROCLAIMING NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2020

WHEREAS, government agencies are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response services; and

WHEREAS, shelter-in place public health orders in the wake of the COVID-19 public health emergency caused the County of Marin to further prioritize remote and Internet-based customer services, including the posting of vital public information to prevent the virus' spread; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its residents from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

WHEREAS, cybercriminals from all over the world prey on those who might be undereducated about cybersecurity, placing victims at risk of data breaches and great financial loss; 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; and

WHEREAS, maintaining cybersecurity is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play. Awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the County of Marin's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin's Information Services and Technology Department expanded its resources devoted to cybersecurity as part of its Strategic Plan and has been recognized as a leader in digital government services; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin encourages residents to learn more about cybersecurity and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 17th annual National Cybersecurity Awareness Month co-led by the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) with the goal of helping all Americans stay safer and more secure online.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the month of October 2020 as "National Cybersecurity Awareness Month" in Marin County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 13th day of October 2020.

