

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington has a vital role in identifying and protecting its residents from, and responding to, cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact on our individual and collective safety 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 are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, home users, and anyone who connects to the internet; and

WHEREAS, monitoring accounts, being conscious of what is shared online, keeping computer software up-to-date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices safely are ways we can protect ourselves from phishing, viruses, malware, and loss of sensitive data; and

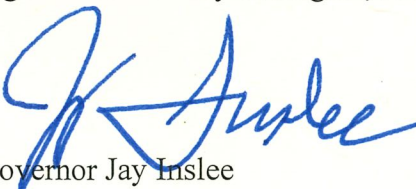
WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Washington's information, infrastructure, and economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

Cybersecurity Awareness Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 24th day of August, 2023


Governor Jay Inslee

