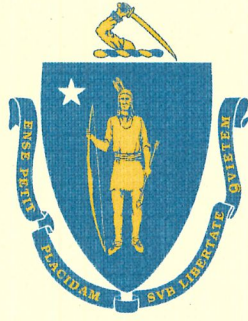


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, We recognize the vital role that technology has in our daily lives and in the future of the Commonwealth and our nation, whereby today many citizens, municipalities, schools, libraries, businesses, and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education, and conducting business; and

Whereas, Critical infrastructure, such as financial services, educational institutions, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems, is increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and

Whereas, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an ever-increasing threat from malicious cyberattacks, loss of privacy from spyware and adware, and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a national leader with global impact, developing and deploying cybersecurity technologies and systems, and is home to world-class cybersecurity companies, research & development centers, universities, and talent; and

Whereas, Cyber resilience is critical to protecting our overall economy as well as a driver of future growth; and

Whereas, The Executive Office of Technology Services and Security is making critical investments in people, processes, and technology to enhance the cybersecurity infrastructure of the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to, the establishment of a 24/7 Security Operations Center and the promotion of industry best practices for good 'cyber hygiene' through annual security awareness training and simulated phishing exercises for both Commonwealth and municipal government employees through the Massachusetts Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Training Program; and

Whereas, The Cyber Resilient Massachusetts Working Group is bringing together public- and private-sector leaders to identify ways the Commonwealth's innovative technology ecosystem can help Massachusetts municipalities and critical institutions protect sensitive data, increase cybersecurity awareness, and respond to emerging threats; and

Whereas the Federal Government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (www.cisa.gov), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) all recognize October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, and the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign website (www.cisa.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses; and

Whereas, the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development through the MassCyberCenter at MassTech Collaborative, on behalf of the Commonwealth, is coordinating with public and private sector leaders to host and promote events statewide to bring partners together, to engage municipal leaders, to showcase our impressive cybersecurity ecosystem, to encourage diverse talent to enter the cybersecurity profession, to sustain our world-class cybersecurity workforce, and to promote the theme of "Life's Work on the Go" for Massachusetts Cybersecurity Month,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2021, to be,

MASSACHUSETTS CYBERSECURITY MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of October, in the year two thousand and twenty one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fifth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts