

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2023 AS

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, we recognize the vital role that technology has in our daily lives and in the future of our Nation, whereby today many citizens, 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, the use of the Internet at the primary and secondary school levels in San Mateo County enhances the education of youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and at institutions of higher education, the use of information technology is integral to teaching and learning, research and outreach and service; and

WHEREAS, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyberattacks with potentially significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has established the Office of Cybersecurity and Communications and devoted resources within it solely to support the strengthening and securing of the country's cyber infrastructure at the state, local, tribal, and territorial levels; and

WHEREAS, the Stop.Think.Connect Campaign (www.stopthinkconnect.org) is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits and government organizations to raise awareness about cybersecurity among all digital citizens, helping them to stay safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's Cybersecurity Month for 2023 is, "See Yourself in Cyber" and will focus on four behaviors: 1) Use strong passwords; 2) Recognize and report phishing; 3) Turn on multifactor authentication (MFA); and 4) Update software; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of San Mateo County information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers and the National Cyber Security Alliance have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, and Stop.Think.Connect (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 PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, State of California, hereby designates October 2023 as Cyber Security Awareness Month.

Dated: October 3, 2023

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