

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2021 AS

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, we recognize the vital role that technology plays in our daily lives and in the future of our Nation, and that 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 cyber attack and 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 is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies and nonprofit and governmental organizations to raise awareness about cybersecurity among all digital citizens, helping them to stay 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, 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 organizations' websites, and Stop.Think.Connect (www.cisa.gov/stopthinkconnect) 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 2021 as Cyber Security Awareness Month.

Dated: October 5, 2021

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest:

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