

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai‘i recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying cybersecurity threats, protecting its citizens from fraud, and responding to cybersecurity threats that can have a significant damaging impact to the lives of individuals and the collective safety and privacy of our entire state; and

**WHEREAS**, critical infrastructure (i.e., financial services, educational institutions, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems, etc.) is increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and

**WHEREAS**, cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, non-profit organizations, home user, and anyone who connects to the internet, be it with a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected device; and

**WHEREAS**, monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing antivirus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices and other internet-connected devices safely, are ways people and organizations can protect themselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, other types of malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

**WHEREAS**, we showcase the need to inspire, engage, and inform the public about the demand, opportunities, and career options available within the area of cybersecurity and highlight how building the nation’s and the State of Hawaii’s cybersecurity workforce enhances the nation’s security and promotes economic prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework is a free resource to help organizations (both large and small, public and private) improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing the ever-evolving cybersecurity threats and challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Office of Consumer Protection, works tirelessly to identify potential personal cybersecurity attacks to protect our residents from fraudulent online activities; and the State Department of Defense, Office of Homeland Security provides planning and training efforts to prevent, protect, mitigate and respond to government cyber threats; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Enterprise Technology Services established the cybersecurity state government program to enhance and protect the Hawaii’s cybersecurity ecosystem; 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 essential cyber hygiene will improve the security of Hawai‘i’s information, infrastructure, and economy.

**THEREFORE, I, Josh Green M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai‘i**, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

## **“Cybersecurity Awareness Month”**

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the importance of cyber hygiene, cyber education and awareness, and to remember that maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this fifth day of September 2023.

  
**JOSH GREEN, M.D.**  
Governor, State of Hawai‘i