

# STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the State of Illinois recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its residents from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have a significant impact on our individual and collective safety and privacy; and,*

*WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology to support financial services, education, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and,*

*WHEREAS, the National Cybersecurity Awareness campaign is focused on raising awareness of cybersecurity and ensuring that all Americans have the resources they need to be safer and more secure online; and,*

*WHEREAS, Illinois encourages individuals and organizations to own their role in protecting their part of cyberspace, stressing personal accountability and the importance of taking proactive steps to strengthen cybersecurity. This includes protecting what is shared online, maintaining software, establishing strong passwords and anti-virus programs, and supporting overall safety and protection of all internet-connected devices; and,*

*WHEREAS, the line between our online and offline lives is indistinguishable in these tech-fueled times, as our homes, societal well-being, economic prosperity, and nation's security are impacted by the internet; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, The National Cyber Security Alliance, and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center all recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and encourage users and stewards of shared and personal data to put our skills and knowledge into practice in our homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses; 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 Illinois' information, infrastructure, and economy;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in Illinois.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*  
*this TWENTY-FIRST day of SEPTEMBER, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
*TWENTY-ONE, and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundred and THIRD.*



*Dese White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR