

## Aroclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

## SUPPORT OF CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2024

Maryland recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity WHEREAS, threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; 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, It takes all of us to protect against cyber threats and cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, tribes, non-profit

organizations, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet, be it with a computer, mobile phone, or other

internet-connected device; and

WHEREAS, Monitoring accounts, being conscientious of what is shared online, keeping computer software up to date, creating strong passwords and using a password manager or key, installing antivirus programs and firewalls, and enabling multi-

factor authentication for online accounts are actions that can help ward against phishing, viruses, ransomware, other

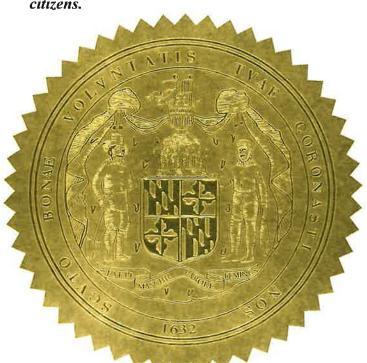
types of malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

We showcase the need to inspire, engage, and inform the public about the demand, opportunities, and career options WHEREAS,

available within the area of cybersecurity, and highlight how building the nation's security promotes economic

prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 1, 2024 as SUPPORT OF CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, October this

day of

Two Thousand and twenty-four

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Secretary of State