

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **SUPPORT OF CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2024**

- WHEREAS,** Maryland recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity 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
- 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 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,  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October  
Two Thousand and twenty-four

*Wes Moore*  
Governor

*Aruna Miller*

Lt. Governor

*Susan C. Lee*

Secretary of State