



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The 21st century is a landmark era of ingenuity and innovation, and Texas is both the top state for business in the nation and a major technology hub. As the booming technology industry changes and grows rapidly, it is more important than ever for us to strengthen our cybersecurity.

Since technology continues to play a vital role in our lives, it is essential that we protect ourselves, our families, and our livelihoods from online threats. The rise in cyberattacks from viruses, spyware, and adware can cause significant damage to our way of life.

Improved cybersecurity and heightened awareness of potential fraud protect vital industries such as health care, transportation, financial services, and emergency response systems while maintaining a strong telecommunications system to connect us all.

We dedicate each October to promoting simple steps that all Americans should take to protect themselves online. Citizens, businesses, governments, and schools all have a vital role to play in improving our nation's cybersecurity.

Awareness of essential cybersecurity measures will improve the overall security of Texas' information systems, infrastructure, and economy and will improve our ability to stay connected safely. These safe practices will enable us to build a safer, more secure Texas.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to keep their personal information secure and to familiarize themselves with the basics of cybersecurity.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2023 to be

Cybersecurity Awareness Month



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 27th day of September, 2023.

Governor of Texas