

WHEREAS; cybersecurity refers to the process of identifying and protecting individuals, businesses, systems, networks, devices, and data from unauthorized threats that may endanger privacy, integrity, and safety, and Wisconsin plays a vital role in identifying and protecting its residents from, and responding to, cybersecurity threats; and

WHEREAS; critical infrastructure is increasingly dependent on technology and electronic information systems to support everything from financial services, energy, commerce, and telecommunications to transportation, utilities, healthcare, emergency response, and more; and

WHEREAS; education and awareness of best cybersecurity practices are critical for any individual or organization that is connected to the internet, including large corporations, financial institutions, government agencies, educational institutions, small businesses, and at-home users; and

WHEREAS; all Wisconsinites are reminded of the importance of monitoring their online accounts, being conscientious of what they share online, keeping digital software up to date, creating and regularly changing unique passwords, using multi-factor authentication, installing anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices and other internet-connected devices safely; and

WHEREAS; maintaining cybersecurity is a responsibility shared by all, and awareness of essential personal and organizational cyber safety practices will improve the security of Wisconsin's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

WHEREAS; for more than 20 years, Cybersecurity Awareness Month has been observed on the national level to inspire, engage, and inform members of the public about the opportunities available within the area of cybersecurity and highlight how building the cybersecurity workforce enhances the nation's security and promotes economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Administration and Wisconsin Emergency Management, a division of the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, in encouraging Wisconsinites to protect their identity, data, and devices while using the internet, and reaffirms its commitments to providing the resources and information necessary to stay safe online and connect with confidence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2025 as

NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 29th day of September 2025.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State