

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin 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; we acknowledge that critical infrastructure is increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, healthcare, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS; cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for any individual or organization who connects to the internet, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, government agencies, educational institutions, and at home use; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, all Wisconsinites are reminded of the importance of monitoring their online accounts, being conscientious of what they share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords with two-factor authentication, changing passwords regularly, installing anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices safely; and

WHEREAS; the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign—Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart.—is implemented through a coalition of private companies, non-profits, government organizations, and academic institutions, and is dedicated to increasing the public’s understanding of cyber threats and empowering all Americans to better protect themselves from phishing, viruses, malware, financial loss, and the loss of sensitive data; 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 Financial Institutions, in encouraging individuals and businesses across our state to protect their identity and electronics while using the internet and reaffirms its commitment 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 2021 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State