

Proclamation

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH October 2020

- WHEREAS,** we recognize the vital role technology has in our daily lives and in the future of our Nation, whereby today many citizens, schools, libraries, business and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education, and conducting business; and
- WHEREAS,** critical infrastructure sectors are reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care and emergency response systems; and
- WHEREAS,** the use of the Internet at the primary and secondary school levels in Colorado Springs enhances the education of youth by providing access to online educational and research materials; and at institutions of higher education, the use of information technology is integral to teaching, learning, research, outreach and service; and
- WHEREAS,** Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber-attack, significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud, especially during unique circumstances like the COVID-19 pandemic and extended work from home scenarios; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has established the Office of Cybersecurity and Communications and devoted resources within it solely to support the strengthening and securing of the country's cyber infrastructure at the state, local, tribal, and territorial levels; and
- WHEREAS,** maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the City information infrastructure and economy; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers and the National Cybersecurity Alliance have declared October as a National Cyber security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to utilize these resources to learn about Cybersecurity/ and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Skorman, President of the Colorado Springs City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in Colorado Springs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this twenty eighth day of September 2020.



Richard Skorman, President
Colorado Springs City Council