

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2024 AS
NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, we recognize the vital role that technology has in our daily lives and in the future of our Nation, whereby today many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses 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 increasingly 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 the City of Colorado Springs enhances the education of youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and at institutions of higher education, the use of information technology is integral to teaching and learning, research and 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; 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, the Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits and government organizations to raise awareness about Cybersecurity among all digital citizens, helping them to stay safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, a division of the nonprofit Center for Internet Security, provides a collaborative mechanism to help state, local, territorial and tribal governments enhance Cybersecurity; and the City's Information Technology (IT) Department Cybersecurity provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of the City; 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 Cyber Security Alliance have declared October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these resources, along with the City of Colorado Springs and Stop.Think.Connect to learn about Cybersecurity; and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. That City Council hereby recognizes October 2024 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 8th day of October, 2024.

Randy Helms, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk