



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Cocoa recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure (i.e., financial services, telecommunications, utilities, transportation, and emergency response systems, etc.) is increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and

WHEREAS, cybersecurity education and awareness is crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet, be it with a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected device; and

WHEREAS, monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing antivirus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices and other internet-connect devices safely are ways people and organizations can protect themselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, other types of malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

WHEREAS, we showcase the need to inspire, engage, and inform the public about the demand, opportunities, and career options available within the area of cybersecurity and highlight how building the nation's and the City of Cocoa's cybersecurity workforce enhances the community's security and promotes economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, I Michael Blake, Mayor of the City of Cocoa, am dedicated to providing every individual and public and private organization in the City of Cocoa resources necessary to ensure the understanding, implementation, and success of Cybersecurity Awareness Month to help the citizens of the City of Cocoa stay safe online and connect with confidence; and

WHEREAS, the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit, government organizations, and academic institutions working together to increase the public's understanding of cyber threats and empowering Americans to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework is a free resource to help organizations (both large and small, public and private) improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing the ever-evolving cybersecurity threats and challenges; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of essential cyber hygiene will improve the security of the City of Cocoa's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cocoa's Information Technology Department will strive to enhance and protect the City's cybersecurity ecosystem; and

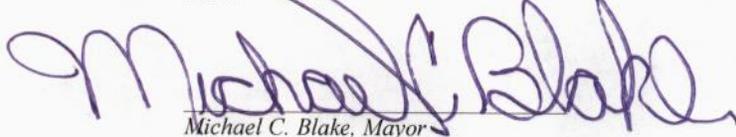
WHEREAS, the Federal Government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (www.cisa.gov), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (<https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac>), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) all recognize October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites and the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign website (www.cisa.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Michael C. Blake, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida, do hereby proclaim that the City of Cocoa is officially supporting:

"Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2021"



WHEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cocoa to be affixed this 28th day of September, 2021.


Michael C. Blake, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carrie E. Shealy, City Clerk