

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2022

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from and responding to cybersecurity threats that may significantly impact our individual and collective safety and privacy; 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, the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofits, 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

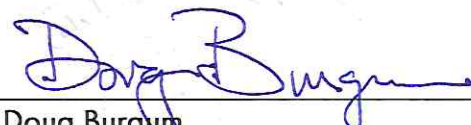
WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework is a free resource to help organizations — large and small, public and private — improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing the ever-evolving cybersecurity threats 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 North Dakota's information, infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the federal government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers and the National Cyber Security Alliance all recognize October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, along with North Dakota NDIT and the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign website to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
October 2022, CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE