



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes the need to uphold its role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats, which threaten the security and privacy of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS: Understanding that the constant connection to internet devices provides opportunities for potential cybersecurity threats to compromise private information, such that Minnesotans must understand how the devices and applications they use every day can be at risk; and
- WHEREAS: Securing devices and applications against cyber threats, including providing additional layers of security and routinely checking privacy settings, ensures that private data remains out of the hands of cybercriminals; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota IT Services secures the state systems and data that keep the government running, aggressively implementing a plan to reduce the ability for cybercriminals to attack through consolidation of state systems in highly-secure enterprise-level data centers and implementation of shared advanced security and monitoring tools; and
- WHEREAS: October is designated as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and Minnesotans are encouraged to visit the MNIT website to utilize free resources to improve cyber practices, learn about cybersecurity and apply that knowledge in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2019, as:

NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 27th day of September.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Pimm".

SECRETARY OF STATE