



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 endanger the security and privacy of our citizens, residents, and visitors; and
- WHEREAS: With more than one million people teleworking in the state, Minnesotans must understand how the devices and applications they use every day can be at risk, especially in a home office environment; 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 allows Minnesotans to access critical services needed to respond to our state's ongoing economic, health, and social crises; and
- WHEREAS: October is designated as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and Minnesotans are encouraged 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 2020, as:

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 18th day of September.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on September 18, 2020
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon