



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes the need to uphold its role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cybersecurity threats, which threaten the safety and privacy of our citizens, residents, and visitors; and
- WHEREAS: Critical infrastructure, education services, and the workforce are increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and
- WHEREAS: Cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet with any 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-connected 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: Minnesota IT Services secures the state systems and data that allow Minnesotans to access critical services and 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 National Cybersecurity Awareness Month resources to 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 2021, 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 25th day of September.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Pimm".

SECRETARY OF STATE