

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024 AS CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

Whereas, Cybersecurity Awareness Month was established in 2004 through a collaborative effort between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance to ensure that every American has the resources they need to stay safer and more secure online; and

Whereas, the rapid advancement of technology has greatly benefited our County, providing countless opportunities for communication, business, and innovation; and with the increasing use of digital tools and systems comes the ever-growing risk of cyber threats, including data breaches, identity theft, and cyber-attacks, which can have serious and far-reaching consequences for individuals, organizations, and communities; and

Whereas, Cybersecurity awareness is essential to safeguarding sensitive information, protecting privacy, and ensuring the security of the County's digital infrastructure; and a concerted effort is needed to educate and empower all citizens, business, and government entities to take proactive steps toward preventing cyber threats by implementing sound security practices and adopting modern cybersecurity measures; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance have designated October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity for all individuals; and

Whereas, by increasing awareness of cybersecurity practices, such as using secure authentication methods, recognizing phishing scams, and securing networks, we can collectively reduce the risk of cyber threats and promote a safe, more secure digital environment.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida that the month of October 2024, be designated as "Cybersecurity Awareness Month" in Indian River County and the Board encourages all citizens to take action in improving cybersecurity preparedness and resilience.

Adopted this 8th day of October 2024.

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