Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025 AS CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

Whereas, in 2004, through a collaborative effort between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance, October was designated as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month to provide Americans with resources to stay safe online and to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity for all; and

Whereas, the rapid advancement of technology continues to benefit our County, providing countless opportunities for communication, business, and innovation; yet 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; and

Whereas, the 2025 campaign emphasizes building strong "Level 1" cybersecurity habits, such as identifying phishing attempts, using strong authentication methods, and securing networks – to help every individual establish a sound foundation for online safety; and

Whereas, by working together to increase awareness of cybersecurity and cybersecurity best practices, our community can reduce risks, protect sensitive information, and promote a safer digital environment for all.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that the month of October 2025 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 7^h day of October 2025.

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