



Proclamation
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO
Recognizing Cybersecurity Awareness Month in October

WHEREAS, El Dorado County recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure (i.e., financial services, educational institutions, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems, etc.) is 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, non-profit organizations, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet, be it with a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected 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, we showcase the need to inspire, engage, and inform the public about the demand, opportunities, and career options available within the area of cybersecurity and highlight how building the nation's and California's cybersecurity workforce enhances the nation's security and promotes economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Tonya Digiorno, Director of Information Technologies, is dedicated to providing every individual in El Dorado County government the resources necessary to ensure the understanding, implementation, and success of Cybersecurity Awareness Month to help the citizens of El Dorado County stay safe online and connect with confidence; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework is a free resource to help organizations (both large and small, public and private) improve

their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing the ever-evolving cybersecurity threats and challenges; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of essential cyber hygiene will improve the security of El Dorado County’s information, infrastructure, and economy; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Information Security Office was established in 2018 and with the support of the Board of Supervisors and Chief Administration Officer grew the Security Program in 2020 to enhance and protect the El Dorado County’s cybersecurity ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (www.cisa.gov), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (<https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac>), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) and the state of California (www.cdt.ca.gov) recognize October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and that in recognition of this, the 20th year of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, all citizens are encouraged to reduce online risks by visiting these websites, using the resources and learning about cybersecurity so they can put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim October 2023 as “Cybersecurity Awareness Month.”

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 10th day of October, 2023.

Attest:

Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
by:

Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors