

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas recognizes it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective security and privacy; and
- WHEREAS: Critical infrastructure is increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; 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; 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 anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices safely are ways you can protect yourself from phishing, viruses, malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and
- WHEREAS: The STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, and academic institutions working together to increase the public's understanding of cyber threats and empowering Americans to be safer and more secure online; and
- WHEREAS: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity 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 computer security essentials will improve the security of Arkansas's information, infrastructure, and economy; and
- WHEREAS: October is the National Cyber Security Awareness Month, and all citizens are encouraged to visit the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign website ([www.cisa.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.cisa.gov/stopthinkconnect) or [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 2020, as

NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH IN ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor