

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY
Office of the Mayor

A Proclamation Recognizing Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2021

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson 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, 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 is crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet, be it with a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected device, 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-connect 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, the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit, 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, 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 Metropolitan Government's information, infrastructure, and economy, the Metropolitan Government's Information Security Management Program was established on March 26, 2010 to enhance and protect the Metropolitan Government'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) all recognize October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, along with <https://www.nashville.gov/departments/information-technology-services/information-security/security-awareness>, the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign website (www.cisa.gov/stophinkconnect or www.stophinkconnect.org) to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT I, John Cooper, Mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, do hereby proclaim that the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County is officially supporting Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2021.

I have hereunto set my hand on this 30th day of September, 2021.

John Cooper
Mayor