

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective security and privacy; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; 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, as well as academic institutions working together to increase the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework has been developed as a free resource to help organizations (large and small, both public and private) improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing evolving threats and challenges; and

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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 the Kansas Information Security Office (<https://ebit.ks.gov/kiso/>) and the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign website (www.cisa.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cyber security; and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2021 as

Cybersecurity Awareness Month

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 1st day of
October, A.D. 2021

BY THE GOVERNOR: Laura Kelly
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Secretary of State
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Assistant Secretary of State