



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, cybersecurity plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to threats that may have significant impact to our safety and privacy; and*

*WHEREAS, critical infrastructure is increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and*

*WHEREAS, it takes all of us to secure our world from cyber threats, and cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, tribes, 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 strong passwords and using a password manager or key, installing antivirus programs and firewalls, enabling multi-factor authentication for online accounts, are actions to take to protect themselves from all types of cyber threats when using mobile phones and other connected devices; 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 New Mexico's cybersecurity workforce enhances the nation's security and promotes economic prosperity; 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 essential cyber hygiene will improve the security of 's information, infrastructure, and economy; and*

*WHEREAS, the federal government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, and the National Cyber Security Alliance, all recognize October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim October, 2024 as:**

## **"Cybersecurity Awareness Month"**

*throughout the state of New Mexico.*

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal  
of the State of New Mexico.

  
Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor