



## PROCLAMATION

### SUPPORT OF CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2021

**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Board of Supervisors 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 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; 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 and other internet-connect devices safely are ways people and organizations can protect themselves 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, 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**, 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 Washington County'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 ([www.cisa.gov](http://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](http://www.nascio.org)), and the National Cyber Security Alliance ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)) all recognize October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, along with 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 be it

**RESOLVED**, that, I, Samuel J. Hall, Chairman, of the Washington County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim that the County of Washington is officially supporting Cybersecurity Awareness Month - October 2021.

  
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**Samuel J. Hall, Chairman**  
**Washington County Board of Supervisors**



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