

Resolution

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RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2020 AS NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, cybersecurity has never been more important than it is today as nearly all aspects of everyday life and work—distance learning, remote meetings, personal finances, virtual doctor appointments, and other business—have made major shifts to online platforms because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, cybersecurity is paramount to protecting all components of our professional and personal lives, the details of which are encoded in our phones, computers, and other digital devices; and

WHEREAS, our increased reliance on modern technology also makes us more vulnerable to cyberattacks, such as corporate security breaches, spear phishing, and social media fraud; and

WHEREAS, according to statistics from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, there are currently 4.8 billion internet users worldwide; seven million data records are compromised daily, resulting in more than \$3.5 billion lost globally due to cybercrime; and cyberfraud has increased 20 percent during the first three months of 2020 alone; and

WHEREAS, now in its seventeenth year, Cybersecurity Awareness Month—observed every October—was created as a collaborative effort between government and industry to ensure every American has the resources they need to stay safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart.", with a focus on weekly themes to highlight different aspects of cybersecurity:

- Week One: "If You Connect It, Protect It"—focusing on ways in which online devices have impacted our lives while empowering all users to own their role in security and taking steps to reduce cyber risk.

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- Week Two: “Securing Devices at Home and Work”—focusing on steps individuals and organizations can take to protect internet-connected devices for both personal and professional use.
- Week Three: “Securing Internet-Connected Devices in Healthcare”—focusing on steps the healthcare industry and its consumers can take to do their part and be cybersmart.
- Week Four: “The Future of Internet-Connected Devices”—focusing on exploring how technological innovations, such as 5G, might impact consumers’ and businesses’ online experiences, as well as how people and infrastructure can adapt to the continuous evolution of connected devices; and

WHEREAS, cybercrime can affect anyone, but vulnerable populations such as our kūpuna are often targeted and the most at risk; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it recognizes October 2020 as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month;
2. That it recognizes the importance of cybersecurity, particularly during a time of increased internet reliance;
3. That it encourages all residents, businesses, and visitors to be diligent and take appropriate cybersecurity safeguards; and
4. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mazie Hirono, United States Senator; the Honorable Brian Schatz, United States Senator; the Honorable Ed Case, United States Representative; the Honorable Tulsi Gabbard, United States Representative; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President, Hawai‘i State Senate; the Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker, Hawai‘i State House of Representatives; the Honorable Gary Moore, President, National Association of Counties; the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawai‘i; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.