

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont 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 is increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care and emergency response systems; and

**WHEREAS,** monitoring your accounts, being aware 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 people and organizations can take to protect themselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, other types of malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data, when using mobile phones and other connected device; 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 nation's and Vermont's cybersecurity workforce enhances the nation's security and promotes economic prosperity; and

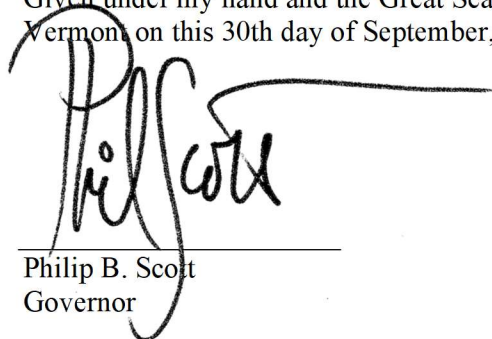
**WHEREAS,** maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of essential cyber hygiene will improve the security of Vermont's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

**WHEREAS,** the Vermont Agency of Digital Services was established in January 2017 to enhance and protect the State of Vermont's cybersecurity ecosystem.

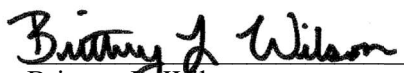
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the month of October, 2024 as

**CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH  
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont, on this 30th day of September, A.D. 2024.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs