

Town of Chapel Hill

Proclamation

WHEREAS, technology plays a vital role in our daily lives and in the future of our Town, State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Internet provides a simple mechanism for our citizens, schools, libraries and businesses to perform a variety of tasks, including keeping in touch with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education and conducting business; and

WHEREAS, businesses and service providers are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems.

WHEREAS, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an ever increasing threat of cyber- attack, loss of privacy from spyware and malware and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous national initiatives that provide education about cyber security including the **Stop.Think.Connect** Campaign (www.stopthinkconnect.org) which uses a common sense approach to help all digital citizens stay safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the Town's 2018 Community Survey indicated that 99 percent of Chapel Hill residents have access to the Internet from their homes and a large number of residents own smart phones; and

WHEREAS, Town staff and officials understand that Internet security is a shared responsibility in which everyone has a critical role; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of cyberspace security in our community will help protect the Town's information infrastructure and our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, are proud to partner with the United States Department of Homeland Security and other national organizations to declare October 2019 as

National Cyber Security Awareness Month

in Chapel Hill and urge Chapel Hill residents to learn more about cyber security, and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, work-places, and businesses.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF
CHAPEL HILL ON THIS THE SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER IN
THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN**



