

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the critical importance of cybersecurity in safeguarding the personal information, financial assets, and essential services relied upon by residents, businesses, and public institutions; and

WHEREAS, digital technology is foundational to modern life, supporting everything from public safety and healthcare to education, utilities, and local government operations; and

WHEREAS, cyber threats, including phishing, ransomware, data breaches, and identity theft continue to rise in frequency and sophistication, posing serious risks to individuals and organizations alike; and

WHEREAS, the Town is firmly committed to securing its own infrastructure, protecting the data entrusted to us by our community member, and ensuring the continuity of critical public services. We strive to stay current with cybersecurity best practices, reduce risks, and prevent service interruptions while maintaining the safety and trust of our community; and

WHEREAS, we are dedicated to promoting cybersecurity awareness across our region and providing ongoing education to both employees and the public; and

WHEREAS, proactive measures-such as enabling multi-factor authentication, using strong and unique passwords, regularly updating software, and verifying sources of communications-can significantly reduce the likelihood and impact of cyber incidents; and

WHEREAS, national campaigns such as STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ and See Yourself in Cyber™ help to educate the public and promote a safer, more secure digital world for everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Mayor and Town Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2025 as:

Cyber Security Awareness Month

in the Town of Chapel Hill and call upon all community members, businesses, institutions, and government agencies to observe this month by taking action to protect their digital presence, remain vigilant against evolving cyber threats, and support collective efforts to build a safer, more resilient cyber environment for all.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL,
ON THIS THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR TWO
THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE.

