

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, the internet provides a connection for our residents, schools, libraries and businesses to perform a variety of tasks, including keeping in touch with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, providing online 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, remote ordering and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, internet users and our information infrastructure face the persistent and growing threat of spyware, malware, and phishing cyber-attacks meant to deny access to computer systems, steal personal identities, compromise privacy, and reduce financial security; and

WHEREAS, Town staff and officials understand that Internet security is a shared responsibility in which everyone has a critical role for using care opening emails, providing information online, and fact checking important information; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of cybersecurity in our community will help protect the Town's information infrastructure and our community; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous national initiatives that provide education about cyber security including the **CISA Cybersecurity Awareness Program** (<https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/programs/cisa-cybersecurity-awareness-program>) which is a national public awareness effort aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online.; and

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 2023 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, workplaces, and businesses.



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

Cam Herron