



City of Winston-Salem

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS: The City of Winston-Salem continues to become more reliant on information systems and technology to support economic vitality and diversity, neighborhoods, safety and security, transportation, a healthy environment, and service excellence; and

WHEREAS: The City of Winston-Salem recognizes and accepts its role in identifying, preventing, and responding to cyber threats to safeguard the community's privacy, security, financial wellbeing, and trust; and

WHEREAS: All devices and individuals that connect to the internet are at risk of cyberattacks designed to disrupt critical infrastructure, corrupt data, and extort information; and

WHEREAS: Cybersecurity is a priority for the City of Winston-Salem, and the Information Systems Department works endlessly to protect vital information through adherence to cybersecurity best practices; and

WHEREAS: All officials, employees, residents, and businesses share in our responsibility to bring awareness to and support cybersecurity, and in maintaining and practicing secure online habits to prevent dangerous access to government, economic, and academic networks; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, and the National Cybersecurity Alliance have declared October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. ALLEN JOINES, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2020 as

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of October, 2020.

J. ALLEN JOINES

Mayor