

The City of Boston



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,* The City of Boston recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats that may have a significant impact on our individual and collective security and privacy. Critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, healthcare, and emergency response systems; AND
- Whereas,* cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet; AND
- Whereas,* monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices safely are ways you can protect yourself from phishing, viruses, malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; AND
- Whereas,* there are tremendous public safety and operational risks associated with IT security and privacy breaches and so the City of Boston continues to adopt industry best practices and a multi-layered approach to managing cyber security risk; AND
- Whereas,* the City of Boston has developed an effort to promote good cyber practices through actionable guidance for the people of Boston, and to promote innovation, strengthen cyber security investment, and enhance resilience across all sectors; NOW
- Therefore,* I, Martin J. Walsh, Mayor of the City of Boston, do hereby declare October 2020 to be:

Cyber Security Awareness Month

in the City of Boston

I urge all of my fellow Bostonians to join me in recognizing the importance of cyber security to the City of Boston.

MARTIN J. WALSH
MAYOR OF BOSTON
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