

Proclamation

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology. As technology continues to progress, all digital citizens, as well as our information infrastructure, face an increasing threat of malicious cyber-attack and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS, whereby many government agencies are increasingly reliant on the Internet, information systems and other information technology resources to provide efficient, comprehensive, and effective services to the citizens we serve; and

WHEREAS, National Cybersecurity Awareness month is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits, and government organizations to raise awareness about cybersecurity among all digital citizens, helping them to stay safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of information security essentials will improve the security of local government's information infrastructure and economy; 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, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Ocala and urge all citizens, companies, and institutions to recognize the importance of cybersecurity and to observe this month through events, training, and education to further our city's security and resilience.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of October 2022.

> Kent Guinn, Mayor City of Ocala

