



*Executive Department
State of Idaho*

The Office of the Governor Proclamation

*State Capital
Boise*

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho recognizes it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure (i.e., financial services, educational institutions, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems, etc.) is increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and

WHEREAS, it takes all of us to secure our world from cyber threats, and cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, tribes, non-profit organizations, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet, be it with a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected device; and

WHEREAS, monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating strong passwords and using a password manager or key, installing antivirus programs and firewalls, and enabling multi-factor authentication for online accounts are actions people and organizations can take to protect themselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, other types of malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data, when using mobile phones and other connected devices; and

WHEREAS, we need to inspire, engage, and inform the public about the demand, opportunities, and career options available within the area of cybersecurity and highlight how building the nation's and the State of Idaho's cybersecurity workforce enhances the nation's security and promotes economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework is a free resource to help organizations both large and small, public and private, improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing the ever-evolving cybersecurity threats and challenges; 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 essential cyber hygiene will improve the security of Idaho's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Office of Information Technology Services was established in 2018 to enhance and protect Idaho's cybersecurity ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the federal government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (www.cisa.gov), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) all recognize October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites to learn about how they can reduce online risk and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby
proclaim October 2025 to be

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho, and I encourage Idaho citizens to recognize this special observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of
the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this
1st day of October, in the year of our Lord two
thousand and twenty-five.

A blue ink signature of Phil McGrane, consisting of a stylized 'P' and 'M' followed by a horizontal line.

PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE

A blue ink signature of Brad Little, featuring a stylized 'B' and 'L' followed by a horizontal line.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR