

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the County of Hawai'i recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact on our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure is increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care 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 frequently, 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, the County of Hawai'i is dedicated to providing every individual and private and public organization in Hawai'i County with the resources necessary to ensure the understanding, implementation and success of National Cybersecurity Month, to help citizens stay safe online and connect with confidence; and

WHEREAS, the STOP. THINK. CONNECT. Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofits, government organizations and academic institutions working together to increase the public's understanding of cyber-threats and empowering Americans to be 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 computer security essentials will improve the County of Hawai'i's information, infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, October is recognized as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month by the Federal Government of the United States, the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and numerous cybersecurity-related agencies at the State and local level,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harry Kim, Mayor of Hawai'i County, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020, as

NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH 2020

in the County of Hawai'i, and encourage all citizens to visit the STOP.THINK.CONNECT. website at www.stophinkconnect.org to learn about cybersecurity and to put that knowledge into practices in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 15th day of October, 2020, in Hilo, Hawai'i.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Kim".

Harry Kim
MAYOR