



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Government recognizes that it has 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 is increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

**WHEREAS**, a connected society is subject to cybersecurity threats that can compromise even the most personal and sensitive of information;

**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**, 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 security of Cook County's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, using multi-factor authentication, 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**, The Cook County Board of Commissioners are dedicated to providing every individual and public and private organization in Cook County the resources necessary to ensure the understanding, implementation, and success of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month to help the citizens of Cook County stay safe online and connect with confidence; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month in 2022 is "See Yourself in Cyber" and is implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit, 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**, the Federal Government of the United States of America, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency ([www.cisa.gov](http://www.cisa.gov)), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (<https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac>), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers ([www.nascio.org](http://www.nascio.org)), and the National Cyber Security Alliance ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)) all recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby

proclaim and officially support October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month in 2022.