

WHEREAS, the Hall County Board of Commissioners wishes to emphasize the importance of education and awareness in preventing cyber threats and preserving the integrity of our digital landscape; and

WHEREAS, the average cost of a data breach in 2023 amounts to \$4.4 million dollars; 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 antivirus programs and firewalls, using mobile devices and other internet-connected devices safely are ways people and organizations can protect themselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

WHEREAS, more than 90% of cyberattacks originate from phishing attempts; and

WHEREAS, the Hall County Board of Commissioners encourages citizens to take the opportunity to engage and be informed about the importance of strengthening cybersecurity and building our cybersecurity workforce, thereby learning how to stay safe online and connect with confidence; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hall County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize October 2023 as

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

and reminds our citizens that cybersecurity is important year-round.

Adopted this 26th day of October 2023.

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