

- 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 2024 has reached \$4.8 million, highlighting the growing financial impact of cyber threats on organizations worldwide; and
- WHEREAS, only 36% of people consistently install software updates when they become available, further increasing the risk of exposure to known vulnerabilities; and
- WHEREAS, adopting practices such as enabling multifactor authentication, being mindful of what is shared online, keeping software up to date, using a password manager to generate and store unique passwords, and maintaining security awareness are vital steps individuals and organizations can take to protect against cyber threats;
- 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 2024 as

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

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

Adopted this 10th day of October 2024.

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