

State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, computer related criminal activity is a rapidly growing threat to the citizens of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, cybercriminals prey on citizens of all ages and strike businesses, large and small, and government entities; and

WHEREAS, Florida's seniors are more likely than the general public to be victimized by cybercriminals and related fraud; and

WHEREAS, government agencies, state and local, are highly susceptible to targeted phishing and ransomware operations as they collect, use and share enormous volumes of citizen information; and

WHEREAS, Florida is one of the most targeted states for identity thefts, due in part to frequent data breaches taking place in the state; and

WHEREAS, Florida has had the fourth most data breaches nationwide in the last 10 years suffering 523 data breaches exposing 353 million records; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are especially vulnerable to cyberattacks, with a reported 67% experiencing a cyberattack in 2018 and expected to rise in 2019; and

WHEREAS, this year, Governor DeSantis signed into law HB 5301 establishing the Florida Cybersecurity Task Force to review and assess the state's cybersecurity infrastructure, governance and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Cabinet are committed to working together with local, state and federal authorities to protect our citizens from being victimized by cybercriminals; and

WHEREAS, while investigation, arrest and prosecution are important in the fight against internet-facilitated crimes, education about cybersecurity and internet dangers is essential to protecting our citizens; and

WHEREAS, a majority of our colleges and universities now offer degrees in cybersecurity or offer cybersecurity certification programs; and

WHEREAS, continuing to work cooperatively with statewide officials to provide resources, expertise, education and community awareness, will help protect all Floridians from computer-facilitated exploitation.

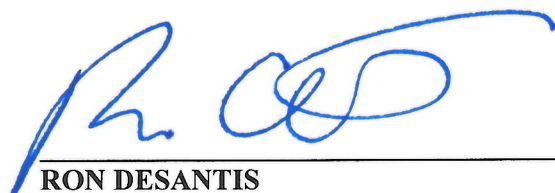
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize October as

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

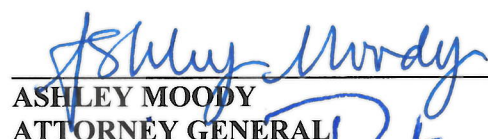
in order to continue the fight against those who seek to victimize Floridians using computers and electronic devices.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee this 22nd day of October, 2019.

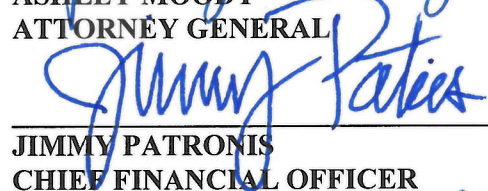




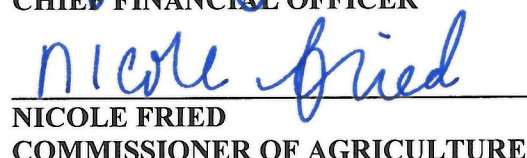
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