



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

## The Office of the Governor Proclamation

State Capital  
Boise

*WHEREAS, the State of Idaho recognizes it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cyber threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective security and privacy; and*

*WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are 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 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 State of Idaho is dedicated to providing every individual and public and private organization in Idaho the resources necessary to ensure the understanding, implementation, and success of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month to help the citizens of Idaho 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, nonprofit and government organizations, as well as academic institutions working together to increase the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework has been developed as a free resource to help organizations large and small, both public and private, improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing evolving threats and challenges; 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 Idaho's information, infrastructure, and economy; and*

*WHEREAS, Information Technology Services – Office of the Chief Information Officer was established in 2018 to enhance and protect Idaho's cybersecurity ecosystem; and*

*WHEREAS, the federal government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ([www.dhs.gov/cyber](http://www.dhs.gov/cyber)), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center ([msisac.cisecurity.org](http://msisac.cisecurity.org)), 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 Cyber Security Awareness Month" and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, along with the State of Idaho Cybersecurity Awareness website - [www.cybersecurity.idaho.gov](http://www.cybersecurity.idaho.gov) - and the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ campaign website - [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org) - to learn about cybersecurity and to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby  
proclaim October 2020 to be*

## ***Cybersecurity Awareness Month***

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my  
hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the  
State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1<sup>st</sup> day  
of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and  
twenty.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Little", written over a horizontal line.

**BRAD LITTLE  
GOVERNOR**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Denney", written over a horizontal line.

**LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE**