

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, We recognize the vital role that technology has in our daily lives and in the future of the Commonwealth and our nation, whereby today many citizens, municipalities, schools, libraries, businesses, and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education, and conducting business; and

Whereas, Critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support data exchange, financial services, energy management, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

Whereas, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an ever-increasing threat of malicious cyberattacks, loss of privacy from spyware and adware, and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a national leader with global impact developing and deploying cybersecurity technologies and systems and is home to world-class cybersecurity companies, research & development centers, universities, and talent; and

Whereas, Cyber resilience is critical to protecting our overall economy as well as a driver of future growth; and

Whereas, The Cyber Resilient Massachusetts Working Group is bringing together public- and private-sector leaders to identify ways the Commonwealth's innovative technology ecosystem can help Massachusetts municipalities and critical institutions protect sensitive data, increase cybersecurity awareness, and respond to emerging threats; and

Whereas, October is National Cybersecurity Awareness month, and the campaign "OWN IT. SECURE IT. PROTECT IT." is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits and government organizations, emphasizes the role each individual plays in online safety, and stresses the importance of taking proactive steps to enhance cybersecurity at home and in the workplace; and

Whereas, The MassCyberCenter at the MassTech Collaborative is working in coordination with public and private sector leaders on behalf of the Commonwealth to engage communities and to prepare plans to "Build a Cyber Secure and Resilient Commonwealth Together," to host and promote events statewide to bring partners together, to engage municipal leaders, to highlight our top cybersecurity ecosystem, and to celebrate our world-class cybersecurity workers,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 15th to the 18th, 2019, to be,

MASSACHUSETTS CYBERSECURITY WEEK

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this fifteenth day of October, in the year two thousand and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-third.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts