Alachua County Florida A Proclamation

Declaring October 2024 as "Cybersecurity Awareness Month" in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas

the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, and emergency response systems; and

Whereas

the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Cybersecurity Awareness Program aims to increase individuals and organizations cybersecurity awareness and empower them to be more safe and secure online; and this year's "Secure our world" campaign theme will focus on "empowering everyone to understand the simple ways to protect ourselves", providing information and resources to help educate and ensure all individuals and organizations make smart decisions whether on the job, or at home; and

Whereas

the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County Information Security and Telecommunications Department has taken key action steps to improve the Alachua County security posture through the enforced use of strong passwords, keeping hardware and software updates, security awareness training to help staff recognize and report phishing, and the enforced use of multi-factor authentication.

Pow, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim October 2024, as "Cybersecurity Awareness Month" in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 8th day of October, A.D., 2024.

	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA
ATTEST:	By: Mary C. Alford, Chair
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