



# Napa County

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## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Presentation of a proclamation declaring October 2021 as "Cybersecurity Awareness Month"

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Presentation of a proclamation to Jon Gjestvang, Chief Information Officer, declaring October 2021 as "Cybersecurity Awareness Month" in Napa County.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Napa County Information Technology Services Division is responsible for the development, operation and maintenance of all County information systems, including the Internet and Intranet. Cybersecurity is a vitally important component in protecting those information security systems. The purpose of Cybersecurity Awareness Month is to increase awareness and educate County staff, citizens and interested groups about the importance of maintaining the security of cyberspace and to increase our resiliency in the event of a cyber incident.

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Effective and Open Government

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Since its inception in 2004 by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, October has been nationally recognized as Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The Napa County Information Technology Services Division is responsible for the development, operation, and maintenance of all County information systems, including the Internet and Intranet. Cybersecurity is a vitally important component in protecting those information security systems.

The purpose of Cybersecurity Awareness Month is to increase awareness and educate County staff, citizens and interested groups about the importance of maintaining the security of cyberspace and to increase our resiliency in the event of a cyber incident. Through the STOP.THINK.CONNECT Campaign, ITS distributes flyers, posters, security emails, staff training and other campaigns to instill security awareness.

The overarching theme for Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2021 is “Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart.” The theme empowers individuals and organizations to own their role in protecting their part of cyberspace, with a particular emphasis on the key message for 2021: “Do your part #BeCybersSmart.” If everyone does their part - implementing stronger security practices, raising community awareness, educating vulnerable audiences or training employees - our interconnected world will be safer and more resilient for everyone.