

RESOLUTION NO. 23-218

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
OCTOBER 2023 AS NATIONAL  
CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Santa Barbara County recognizes the vital role that the Internet and information technology play in the daily lives of County staff and residents and that Internet users and the nation's information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber-attack, loss of privacy from malware and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud;

**WHEREAS**, during the past year, the County has been maturing and strengthening its cybersecurity posture through additional policies and updated systems. On September 21, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted 20 detailed National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) based technical cybersecurity policies. Cybersecurity policies are utilized in the Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) system for all departments to manage their adherence to these policies and controls;

**WHEREAS**, the County's cybersecurity program has expanded county-wide with annual cyber security training for all County users required for continued use of County technology resources. The yearly required training launches every October and the County has recently added a training and certification path for all departmental security officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the roadmap for increasing the County's cybersecurity for this coming year includes partnering with the Department of Homeland Security through our association with MS-ISAC (Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center), deploying additional tools to reduce the likelihood of malicious cyber-activity, and an aggressive awareness program that reinforces County staff with a culture of security;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby observe the month of October 2023 as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month to recognize the importance of cybersecurity and encourage citizens to engage in safe cyber practices in their homes, schools, workplace, and business.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.