

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, since 2004, the President of the United States and Congress have declared October to be Cybersecurity Awareness Month, time dedicated for the public and private sectors to work together to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity; and

WHEREAS, internet-based devices are present in every aspect of life for many people in the United States, with constant connection providing opportunities for innovation, and modernization; and

WHEREAS, a connected society is subject to cybersecurity threats that can compromise even the most personal and sensitive of information; and

WHEREAS, connected critical infrastructure is subject to cybersecurity threats that can compromise fundamental economic, and health and safety functions; and

WHEREAS, malware is any malicious software that can be used to compromise the integrity of an electronic device, including the various types of software that give cyber criminals unique methods to monitor and control online activity or steal personal information or other sensitive data; and

WHEREAS, social engineering to trick individuals to give up their credentials, often through phishing attacks, can allow attackers to access personal information and accounts, leading to substantial harm; and

WHEREAS, public Wi-Fi hotspots can be convenient, but are not always secure, and may expose anyone connected to the network to a malicious cyberattack; and

WHEREAS, everyone can take simple steps to minimize the chance of a cybercrime, including: (1) setting strong passwords; (2) using multi-factor authentication; (3) installing updates; (4) understanding privacy settings; (5) backing up data; and (6) thinking critically and carefully about online offers; and

WHEREAS, National Cybersecurity Awareness Month is a collaborative effort between government and industry:

- (1) to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity;
- (2) to provide education to public and private sector partners through events and initiatives;
- (3) to ensure that public and private sector partners, and all people of the United States, have the tools and resources needed to be safer and more secure online; and
- (4) to increase the resilience of the United States in the event of a cyber incident;

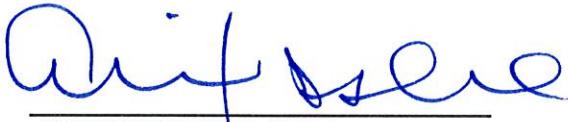
WHEREAS, the City of North Miami supports the goals and ideals of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and hereby designates the month of October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in the City of North Miami.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Designation.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby designate the month of October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 4 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 22nd day of October, 2024.



ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST :



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE-MAYOR ESTIME-IRVIN

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Galvin

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

 (Yes) (No) Absent

Vice Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

X (Yes) (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

X (Yes) (No)