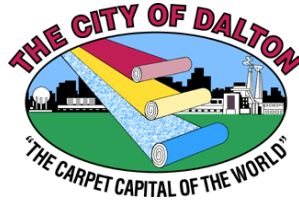


PROCLAMATION



CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2023

WHEREAS, During Cybersecurity Awareness Month, we highlight the importance of safeguarding our Nation's critical infrastructure from malicious cyber activity and protecting citizens and businesses from ransomware and other attacks. We also raise awareness about the simple steps Americans can take to secure their sensitive data and stay safe online; and

WHEREAS, cyberattacks affect our day-to-day lives, our economy, and our national security. By destroying, corrupting, or stealing information from our computer systems and networks, they can impact electric grids and fuel pipelines, hospitals and police departments, businesses and schools, and many other critical services that Americans trust and rely on every day. That is why it is important to continuously improve our cybersecurity and focus on these main points of cybersecurity:

- **Use strong passwords and a password manager:** Strong passwords are critical to protecting data. Password managers are a powerful tool to help you create long, random, and unique passwords for each of your accounts.
- **Turn on multifactor authentication (MFA):** You need more than a password to protect your online accounts and enabling MFA makes you significantly less likely to get hacked.
- **Recognize & report phishing:** Phishing emails, texts, and calls are the number one way data gets compromised. Be cautious of unsolicited emails, texts or calls asking for personal information. Avoid sharing sensitive information or credentials over the phone or email unless necessary and don't click on links or open attachments sent from unknown sources.
- **Update software:** Ensuring your software is up to date is the best way to make sure you have the latest security patches and updates on your devices.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, David Pennington, Mayor of the City of Dalton, Georgia hereby proclaim October 2023 as "**Cybersecurity Awareness Month**" and I encourage all citizens and residents to share helpful tips and resources with friends and family, especially vulnerable groups like seniors.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of this city to be affixed.*

Mayor _____

Date _____ October 2, 2023 _____