



*The Office of the Mayor*

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Meridian recognizes it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our community; and,
- WHEREAS,** cybersecurity education and awareness is crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet; and,
- WHEREAS,** you can protect yourself by monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices safely; and,
- WHEREAS,** the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition working together to increase the public's understanding of cyber threats and empowering Americans to be safe and secure online; and,
- WHEREAS,** maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the City of Meridian's information, infrastructure, and economy.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as

## *Cyber Security Awareness Month*

in the City of Meridian and call upon the community to join me in recognizing how serious cyber security is and the steps each of us can take to protect ourselves and our community.

*Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Simison", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert E. Simison, Mayor



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