



Proclamation

WHEREAS, we recognize the vital role that technology has in our daily lives and in the future of the City of Monroe, whereby many government agencies are increasingly reliant on the internet, information systems and other information technology resources to provide efficient, comprehensive and effective services to the residents we serve; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, National Cyber Security Awareness month is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits, and government organizations to raise awareness about cybersecurity among all digital citizens, helping them to stay safer and more 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 information security essentials will improve the security of the City of Monroe's information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, and the National Cyber Security Alliance have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 theme is "Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart," and empowers individuals and organizations to own their role in protecting their part of cyberspace, with a particular emphasis on the key message for 2020: "If you connect it, protect it."

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, do hereby recognize October 2020 as

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage residents to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas", is written over a horizontal line.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor