

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-75

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2023 “CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS
MONTH” IN SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Summit County recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective security and privacy; and

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

WHEREAS, the Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) has been designated as the global online safety awareness campaign to help all digital citizens stay safer and more secure online, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, as well as academic institutions working together to increase the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the digital community to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), National Cyber Security Alliance (NSCA), and U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) have developed free resources to help organizations (large and small, both public and private) implement the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, increase cybersecurity awareness, and improve their cyber practices through a practical approach to addressing evolving threats and challenges; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama signed Executive Order 13691, Promoting Private Sector Cybersecurity Information Sharing, to encourage and promote sharing of cybersecurity threat information within the private sector and between the private sector and government through the development of Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations; 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 Summit County information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (<https://www.dhs.gov/topics/cybersecurity>), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msisac.org), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) have declared October as Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with the Summit County

campaign webpage (www.summitcountyco.gov/cybersecurityawareness), and the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign website (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cyber security; and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, CISA and NSCA have established the 2023 Cybersecurity Awareness Month theme for 2023 as “It’s Easy to Stay Safe Online” (<https://www.dhs.gov/be-cyber-smart/campaign>).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF COLORADO, THAT the County of Summit is officially supporting Cyber Security Awareness Month, the 2023 Awareness Month theme “It’s Easy to Stay Safe Online”, and the global public awareness campaign, Stop.Think.Connect.

APPROVED ON THIS 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.



**COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO
BY AND THROUGH ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Elisabeth Lawrence
Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair

ATTEST:

Taryn Power
Taryn Power, Clerk & Recorder