

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CYBERSECURITY CAREER AWARENESS WEEK

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Cybersecurity Career Awareness Week is a celebration focused on inspiring, educating, and engaging learners of all ages on career opportunities in the field of cybersecurity; and

WHEREAS, this week-long celebration provides various activities for learning about the contributions, innovations, and opportunities that can be found by exploring a career in cybersecurity; and

WHEREAS, during Cybersecurity Career Awareness Week, North Carolina residents and businesses can learn about the vital role that cybersecurity plays in our lives and how building a cybersecurity workforce promotes economic prosperity and enhances public safety and security; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the increasing need for cybersecurity as an unprecedented number of residents are going online to work, learn, and seek health care; and

WHEREAS, while the pandemic has had a significant impact on the job market and the economy, information technology (IT) jobs continue to grow, with an increasing demand for cybersecurity expertise; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Commerce ranks information security analysts as one of its Five-Star Jobs, projecting a significant net job growth of 36 percent over the 2018 – 2028 period; and

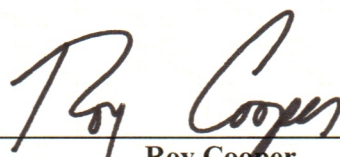
WHEREAS, there are currently more than 25,000 open IT jobs in North Carolina, and the cybersecurity workforce is expected to experience a shortfall of professionals by 2022; this deficit could be filled by local talent with the right amount of early exposure to available educational resources; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 13 colleges and universities whose degree programs have met the rigorous criteria required to earn the National Security Agency and United States Department of Homeland Security National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education designation; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages learners of all ages to take advantage of the vast educational resources dedicated to learning the fundamentals and necessary skills for a career in cybersecurity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 9 – 14, 2020, as **“CYBERSECURITY CAREER AWARENESS WEEK”** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.