



**City of Palo Alto**  
**City Council Staff Report**

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**Summary Title: Cybersecurity Awareness Month Proclamation**

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**From: City Manager**

**Lead Department: City Clerk**

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Cybersecurity Awareness Month Proclamation



# Proclamation

## CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER 2018

**WHEREAS**, the City of Palo Alto recognizes it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting and responding to cyber threats that may have a significant impact on security and privacy; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the “Stop.Think.Connect.™” Campaign designated as the National Public Awareness Campaign implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations and academic institutions aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online; and

**WHEREAS**, in support of the Cybersecurity Framework, and to better assist businesses and government entities in addressing cyber threats, the Center for Internet Security/Multi-State ISAC, the Council on Cybersecurity, the Governors’ Homeland Security Advisors Council, and public and private sector entities have developed a campaign to promote good cyber hygiene through actionable guidance for government and businesses, and to promote innovation, strengthen cybersecurity investment, and enhance resilience across all sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play by being aware of computer security essentials that will improve the security of the City of Palo Alto’s information infrastructure and the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ([www.dhs.gov/cyber](http://www.dhs.gov/cyber)) and the National Cybersecurity Alliance (<https://staysafeonline.org/>) have declared October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, where all citizens are encouraged to visit the “Stop.Think.Connect.” Campaign website (<https://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect>) and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Liz Kniss**, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim that the City of Palo Alto officially supports National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and the National Public Awareness Campaign “Stop.Think.Connect.™”

Presented: October 1, 2018

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**Liz Kniss**  
Mayor