

# **P** CITY OF MENIFEE **PROCLAMATION**

## **CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Menifee recognizes it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats that may have a significant impact on our residents and collective security and privacy; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals, businesses, nonprofits, government organizations, academic institutions, and the local economy has become increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to conduct business, engage in commerce, access information, communicate, and provide essential services; and

**WHEREAS**, cyber threats continue to increase and the impact of cyberattacks has been debilitating to individuals and organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for any individual or organization, and that cybersecurity is essential to digital inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, digital inclusion is vital to employment participation, economic development, educational achievement, social and civic inclusion, health and wellbeing; and

**WHEREAS**, a whole community effort is necessary to ensure that all residents of Menifee have the skills and opportunity to benefit from digital citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which we all have a critical role to play by making ourselves aware of cyber threats and cybersecurity essentials and adopt industry best practices that will improve the security of the City of Menifee, its residents, local businesses, and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Cybersecurity Awareness Month was launched by the National Cyber Security Alliance & the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in October 2004 and now recognized by thousands of organizations including the Federal Government, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign – STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ – is implemented through a coalition of private companies, non-profits, government organizations, and academic institutions, and is dedicated to increasing the public's understanding of cyber threats and empowering all Americans to better protect themselves from phishing, viruses, malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Menifee has developed an effort to promote good cyber practices through guidance and resources for the people of Menifee. The City of Menifee will promote innovation, strengthen cybersecurity investment, and enhance resilience across all sectors.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Bill Zimmerman, on behalf of the Menifee City Council do hereby designate October 2023 as "Cybersecurity Awareness Month" in Menifee and support the National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and the National Public Awareness Campaign "Stop. Think. Connect.™" We call upon all employees, residents, and visitors of Menifee to become educated about cybersecurity and put that knowledge into practice to keep our connected community safe from cyber threats.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.



**BILL ZIMMERMAN, MAYOR**

