



Mayoral Proclamation

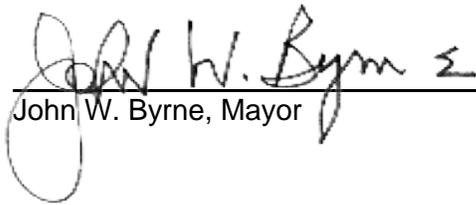
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Fuquay-Varina, State of North Carolina, and the Federal Government all play a vital role in identifying and protecting residents from and responding to cyberthreats that might have a significant impact on our individual security, collective security and privacy; and,
- WHEREAS,** critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, healthcare, and emergency response systems making awareness of cybersecurity essential to improve the security of North Carolina's information, infrastructure, and economy; and,
- WHEREAS,** North Carolina's Whole-of-State approach to cybersecurity provides for increased threat intelligence sharing, enhanced preparedness, and a unified approach to statewide cyber defense; and,
- WHEREAS,** cyberattacks, which are ever-evolving and growing more sophisticated, continue to be an increasing concern for state, local, and academic institutions because of their potentially devastating impact on critical infrastructure; and,
- WHEREAS,** the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework is a free resource to help organizations improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing the ever-evolving cybersecurity threats and challenges; and,
- WHEREAS,** Stop. Think. Connect.TM is a national cybersecurity public awareness campaign implemented by a coalition of private, nonprofit and government organizations and academic institutions working together to increase the understanding of cyberthreats and empower the American public to be safer and more secure online; and,
- WHEREAS,** people can help protect themselves from phishing, viruses, malware, and loss of sensitive data by developing good cyber habits, such as monitoring their accounts, being mindful of what they share online, keeping operating systems and applications up to date, creating strong, unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices safely;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT I, MAYOR JOHN W. BYRNE, do hereby proclaim October 2021, as "**National Cybersecurity Awareness Month**" in the Town of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Fuquay-Varina to be affixed, this 19th day of October 2021.



FUQUAY-VARINA, NORTH CAROLINA



John W. Byrne, Mayor