

Proclamation

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its residents from and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure (i.e., financial services, educational institutions, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care and emergency response systems) is increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and

WHEREAS, cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, non-profit organizations, the home user and anyone who connects to the internet, be it with a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected device; and

WHEREAS, monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing antivirus programs and firewalls and using mobile devices and other internet-connected devices safely, are ways people and organizations can protect themselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, other types of malware, financial loss and loss of sensitive data; 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 essential cyber hygiene will improve the security of the City of Menlo Park's information, infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, all are encouraged to reduce online risks by learning about cybersecurity so they can put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Betsy Nash, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council and City, do hereby proclaim and recognize October 2026 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in Menlo Park.

Betsy Nash, Mayor
October 13, 2026