

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. 35

Proclaiming October 2025 as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

Multnomah County Finds:


- A. October 2025 marks **Cybersecurity Awareness Month**, a crucial time to strengthen the digital defenses safeguarding the information we are entrusted with. We also recognize that our employees remain our most important line of defense against increasing online threats.
- B. Across the nation, there is a dramatic rise in social engineering attacks, made even more sophisticated by generative AI. These types of attacks don't exploit technical flaws; they use psychology to exploit human trust. Our month-long cybersecurity awareness campaign will equip employees to recognize common red flags, such as suspicious links, unusual requests, and unexpected attachments.
- C. To address these attacks Multnomah County is shifting to a proactive cybersecurity strategy. This new approach focuses on preventing incidents, rather than just responding to them, offering a clearer understanding of user behavior and enabling more effective and timely risk identification.
- D. We are also modernizing our training to focus on immersive, hands-on simulations and behavior-based learning, including realistic mock phishing exercises. By incorporating gamification and microlearning, we aim to make this training engaging and effective. These efforts support national initiatives promoting cyber awareness. We encourage everyone to visit www.stopthinkconnect.org to learn more and embrace the message: **STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™**.
- E. Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility, and this month aims to reinforce the critical role our employees play in Multnomah County's cybersecurity.

Multnomah County Proclaims:

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SIGNED this 1st day of October, 2025.

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