

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the line between our online and offline lives is indistinguishable. In these tech-fueled times, our homes, societal well-being, economic prosperity and nation's security are impacted by the internet; and

**WHEREAS**, reports indicate that hackers attack every 39 seconds, an average of over 2,175 times per day, at a loss of \$16.4 billion per day; and

**WHEREAS**, with more people working from home, our personal and professional internet-connected environments are colliding on a scale we've never seen before, introducing a whole new set of potential vulnerabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Innovation and Technology Department makes every effort to educate and train employees, to improve security awareness which ensures the security of our internal networks and systems, allowing the City to continue serving the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Medford invites citizens to participate in Cybersecurity Awareness Month and reminds everyone to "secure our world."

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Randy Sparacino, Mayor of Medford, do hereby proclaim October as

## CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Medford and encourage individuals to own their role in protecting connected devices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,  
I hereunto set my hand this  
17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024

Randy Sparacino  
Mayor

