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NCOIL HIGHLIGHTS CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Emphasizes the Necessity of Taking Precautions to Stay Safe Online

Belmar, NJ – The National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) is proud to highlight October as the 21st annual “Cybersecurity Awareness Month.” This initiative, spearheaded by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), aims to provide resources and tools to protect consumers and businesses from cyber attacks.

“It is unfortunately too common these days to see headlines of data breaches and ransomware attacks that make it all the more important for consumers and businesses to remain diligent in their cybersecurity practices,” said Rep. Tom Oliverson, M.D., (TX), NCOIL President. “This is not an issue that affects one industry or group of people, anyone can be impacted at any time. I encourage everyone to review best practices and take all precautions necessary to secure themselves and their families online.”

NCOIL CEO, Commissioner Tom Considine, said, “Staying safe and secure online starts with the basics. Regularly changing your passwords and not using information such as your birthday or home address are measures we can all take to keep ourselves protected. The reality is that we live our lives increasingly on the internet and it’s important everyone starts to treat their online security just as important as the security of their physical possessions.”

Additional information and resources about Cybersecurity Awareness Month can be found at <https://www.cisa.gov/news-events/news/cisa-kicks-21st-anniversary-cybersecurity-awareness-month#:~:text=WASHINGTON%20%20Today%2C%20the%20Cybersecurity%20and,how%20to%20stay%20safe%20online>.

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