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ORANGE COUNTY CELEBRATES NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Orange County, VA – This October, Orange County joins the Nation in celebrating National Cyber Security Awareness Month, a nationwide effort to educate and engage both public and private sector stakeholders and the American public on cybersecurity issues through a variety of communications and outreach activities held across the Country.

The world is more interconnected today than ever before. We enjoy the benefits and convenience that cyberspace provides, including online shopping, mobile banking, and communicating with friends and family through social networks and email. However, we also face a range of threats - identity and intellectual property theft, network intrusions, and financial crimes - from these cyber networks.

National Cyber Security Awareness Month is an opportunity to provide Americans with the tools they need to stay safe online. Orange County believes strongly in this mission. As a partner in the Department of Homeland Security's Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign, Orange County has shown its commitment to enhancing online safety for everyone.

Throughout National Cyber Security Awareness Month, we urge every American to help create a safer and more secure cyber environment by taking the following steps to keep themselves, their identities, and their information safe online:

- Set strong passwords, and don't share them with anyone.
- Keep your operating system, browser, and other critical software optimized and secure by installing updates.
- Maintain an open dialogue with your family, friends, and community about Internet safety.
- Limit the amount of personal information you post online, and use privacy settings.
- Be cautious about what you receive or read online.

Orange County supports the Department of Homeland Security by proactively advancing cyber security awareness through outreach and information sharing. Since the President's proclamation in 2004, National Cyber Security Awareness Month has been formally recognized by Congress, Federal, State, and local governments, and leaders from industry and academia. This united effort is essential to creating a safer, more resilient cyberspace that remains a source of tremendous opportunity and growth for years to come.

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