National Cybersecurity Awareness Month Proclamation 2019

WHEREAS, the Village of Westmont recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, cybersecurity education and awareness is crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet; 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 anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices safely are ways you can protect yourself from phishing, viruses, malware, and loss of sensitive data; and

WHEREAS, The Information Technology Department is dedicated to providing every individual and business entity in the Village of Westmont the resources necessary to ensure the understanding, implementation, and success of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month to help the citizens of the Village of Westmont stay safe online and connect with confidence; and

WHEREAS, the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit, government organizations, and academic institutions working together to increase the public’s understanding of cyber threats and empowering Americans to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework has been developed as a free resource to help organizations (both large and small, public and private) improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing the ever evolving cybersecurity threats and challenges; 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 computer security essentials will improve the security of Village of Westmont’s information, infrastructure, and economy; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government of the United States of America, along with the

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (www.dhs.gov/CISA),
- Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (http://msisac.cisecurity.org),
- National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and
National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) all recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

encourage all citizens to visit these websites, along with the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign website (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and business.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glen Ronald Liljeberg, Director of Information Technology of the Village of Westmont, do hereby request that Mayor Gunter and the Village Board proclaim that October 2019 is Cybersecurity Awareness Month in the Village of Westmont.

Ayes: _____ Nays: ____ Absent: ____

APPROVED: ATTEST:

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Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor      Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk