

June 14, 2023

Executive Office of the Governor of Florida

300 S. Monroe St.

Tallahassee, FL 32399

To Whom it May Concern,

I am pleased to offer my support for the state-wide annual cybersecurity risk assessment program, "Cyber Secure Florida," at the Florida Center for Cybersecurity ("Cyber Florida") on behalf of AFCEA International ("AFCEA"), a 501(c)6 organization with 30,000 individual members, 1,600 corporate members, and 138 chapters globally.

AFCEA was established in 1946 to enable military, government, industry and academia alignment in critical areas of defense, security, cyber, and intelligence, and Cyber Florida was established by statute in 2014 to position Florida as a national leader in cybersecurity and its related workforce through education, research, and community engagement.

These organizations have enjoyed a robust 5-year partnership, particularly in the arena of K12 cyber education, and Cyber Secure Florida is designed to strengthen Florida's Critical Infrastructure cyber risk profile through a risk assessment. Our organization highly endorses the importance of making sure the state's critical infrastructure is secure and programs like this are critical in meeting that end. Facing ever increasing cyber threats, our member organizations are among the most targeted by our Nation's sophisticated adversaries and require support from stakeholders at all levels of government and the private sector in order to prevail.

AFCEA values our relationship with Cyber Florida and the work done to strengthen critical infrastructure across the state. This is an important initiative and an informative report for State Leadership in their decision making process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Christensen', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark Christensen
Regional Vice President-Florida District
AFCEA International