

Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Assn. • October 2025

# **Celebrating National Co-op Month**

Celebrated by cooperatives nationwide during the month of October, National Co-op Month is an annual opportunity to raise awareness of a trusted, proven way to do business and build resilient, inclusive communities.

Under the theme "Cooperatives Build a Better World," this year's Co-op Month echoes messaging around the Year of Cooperatives and lifts up the people-centered businesses at the heart of our communities and economies. From finance to food and housing to childcare, co-ops nationwide are shaping a more equitable, innovative and sustainable future.

### **Co-op Month Fun Facts**



Minnesota was the first state to declare an official Co-op Month proclamation in 1948.

Co-op Month has been a nationally recognized celebration since 1964, when U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, a former Minnesota governor, proclaimed October Co-op Month.





The first National Co-op Month theme in 1964, was "Cooperatives: USDA Helps Build a Better America."

The U.S. Government sponsored Co-op Month from 1964-1970.

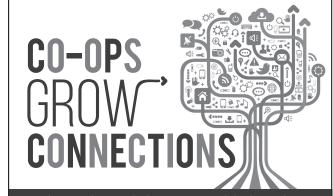




Every October, the U.S. Department of Agriculture releases its annual Co-op Month proclamation.



Our office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11.



### WE'RE PROUD TO CELEBRATE CO-OP MONTH

October is Co-op Month and a time to recognize the many accomplishments of member-owned companies. As a co-op in rural America, Egyptian invests in fiber networks to meet the high-speed internet needs of areas that national providers have left behind. We also roll up our sleeves and lend a hand to local events, programs, and organizations.

# THANKS FOR CHOOSING US FOR YOUR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES!

It makes you a member of our co-op and part of our community's continued growth.



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## ...Win a \$10 Bill Credit



orrectly complete the following questions and mail the completed form with your telephone bill before the due date. Your name will be placed in a drawing for a \$10 bill credit. There will be four winners in November. Last month's winners were Wallace Williams, Robert Ryterski, Alan Bruns, and Autumn Dunn.

1.	Each ye	ear,	is recognized as National	Co-op Month.

2. To enroll in the Restricted Call Registry, visit www.\_\_\_\_\_gov

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### **FUSC charge**

ffective on your October 2025 statement, the amount of your Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) appearing on your bill each month will change in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) universal service fund contribution factor from 36% to 38.1%. The federal universal service fund program is designed to help keep local telephone service rates affordable for all customers in all areas of the United States.

# Unwanted Telemarketing Calls



Illinois law protects residents from certain unwanted telemarketing calls. For more information about the Restricted Call Registry and how to enroll, visit www.donotcall.gov.



## HORROR MOVIES ARE BETTER WITHOUT HORRIFYINGLY SLOW INTERNET

Spine-tingling tales. Eerie old houses. Mask-wearing killers. It's scary how much we love the haunting diversion of horror movies, especially during the Halloween season.

However, nothing's more dreadful than having the lifeblood of your streaming session—your home's internet connection—disappoint you with too-slow speeds. Who needs buffering that freezes the action at key moments during the mayhem?

To avoid this technology nightmare, contact Egyptian about an internet upgrade. We offer super-fast internet plans to make every movie night a monstrous success.

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### **IMPORTANT- 24-Hour Trouble-Reporting Numbers**

To report trouble from ETCA Exchanges, use the following free telephone numbers 24 hours a day:

 Oakdale
 329-1234
 Blair
 774-1234

 Rice
 336-1234
 Baldwin
 785-1234

 Glenn
 763-1234
 Venedy
 824-1234

 St. Libory
 768-1234



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