



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Domestic violence is defined as a perpetrator's systematic use of economic, emotional, psychological, sexual, and/or physical tactics to degrade and dominate their intimate partner and children; and
- WHEREAS: Safety is a basic human right and domestic violence affects all Minnesotans, occurring in all racial, social, religious, ethnic, geographic, and economic groups; and
- WHEREAS: The perpetrators of domestic violence not only violate the rights of their victims, they also endanger children, traumatize families, and undermine the economic stability, safety, and wellbeing of our communities; and
- WHEREAS: Survivors of domestic violence have bravely confronted its legacy by leading multidisciplinary coalitions of advocates and families to support victims and educate communities; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs reports that in 2012, more than 63,200 primary victims received services from battered women's shelters, domestic abuse agencies, and the eighty-four programs that comprise the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women; and
- WHEREAS: The dangers presented by domestic violence have been tragically illustrated by at least eighteen domestic violence homicides in Minnesota in 2012; and
- WHEREAS: Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an opportunity to promote justice, provide safety, and underscore the commitments made by organizations to end violence at home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2013, as:

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE