

STATE *of* MINNESOTA

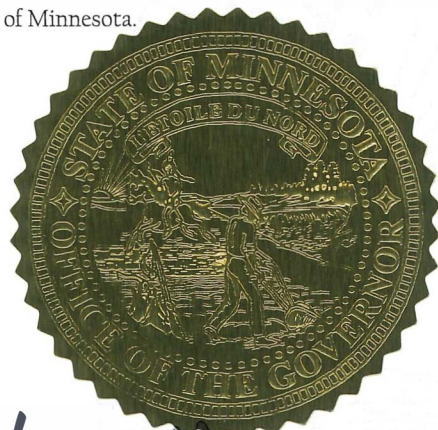
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Domestic violence is a perpetrator's systematic use of abusive tactics to denigrate, dominate, or endanger their intimate partners and children, denying them safety at home, work, school, or in the community; and
- WHEREAS: One in three Minnesota women are deprived of the right to be safe by domestic violence perpetrators; and
- WHEREAS: Murder is an extreme and horrific outcome of a perpetrator's power and control tactics. In 2017, 24 Minnesotans were murdered in domestic violence incidents; and
- WHEREAS: While over 63,000 victims seek services from domestic violence programs in Minnesota every year, this represents only a fraction of those affected, as only one of every five survivors seeks services; and
- WHEREAS: Last year, we collectively realized the impact and breadth of domestic violence, sexual assault, and sexual harassment in our communities through the #MeToo movement; and
- WHEREAS: Domestic violence is a public safety issue. Keeping victims of domestic violence safe while holding perpetrators accountable is the responsibility of the entire community; and
- WHEREAS: Domestic violence programs, employers, law enforcement, court advocates, housing agencies, faith communities, schools, justice systems, government, and our communities must work together to promote justice, provide safety, and prevent harm on behalf of all Minnesotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2018, 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 18th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE