



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: People of all identities are affected by domestic and sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS: All victims of domestic and sexual violence deserve justice; and
- WHEREAS: The legal needs of domestic and sexual violence survivors are continually evolving; and
- WHEREAS: All victims of domestic and sexual violence deserve access to free advocacy and legal advice, regardless of immigration and/or refugee status, nationality, religion, citizenship, race, ability, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, or any other protected class; and
- WHEREAS: Research indicates that immigrant women experience higher rates of physical and sexual abuse than non-immigrant women do. The effect of such violence on immigrant victims is magnified, due to fear of seeking assistance for cultural reasons; and
- WHEREAS: Issues domestic violence victims face can involve legal remedies that require well-trained attorneys who understand the extremely complicated and risky dynamics of domestic violence. Unfortunately, there is an exceedingly small number of attorneys specialized in domestic violence to meet the high demand; and
- WHEREAS: The root causes of domestic and sexual violence stem from systemic oppression that allows violence to continue; and
- WHEREAS: Working in collaboration with other advocacy agencies and professionals across the State of Minnesota leads to the exploration of new possibilities, vision, goals, processes, and options that will provide more effective services for victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 12th, 2018, as:

STAND WITH STANDPOINT DAY

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 28th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE