



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Relationship violence is a pattern of manipulative behavior used to gain or maintain control over an intimate partner, occurring on average to one in three women in Minnesota and across the nation; and
- WHEREAS: Domestic violence programs across the State provide support and resources to over 55,000 victims and survivors at any one time to ensure their safety; and
- WHEREAS: Barriers, including systemic racial disparities, impact victims and survivors of domestic violence. Everyone experiencing violence should be able to access the help and support they need; and
- WHEREAS: Domestic violence programs serve survivors of all immigrant statuses because no one should be forced to choose between staying in an abusive relationship and finding safety; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota acknowledges the tireless work and dedication that advocacy groups and organizations have committed to ensuring the State's laws and practices protect and empower victims and survivors of domestic abuse; and
- WHEREAS: Survivors must be believed and supported in their search for justice, which empowers more survivors to come forward and prevent further harm; and
- WHEREAS: Safe and affordable housing is a top priority and a human right as domestic violence continues to be a leading cause of homelessness for women, and housing insecurity is one of the main barriers preventing victims and survivors of domestic violence from seeking help and safety; and
- WHEREAS: During the COVID-19 pandemic, survivors were increasingly isolated and stressed, putting them at greater risk of domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS: Community collaboration ensures the safety of victims and survivors in Minnesota. Preventing violence before it begins and transforming behavior after violence has occurred is critical to our shared goal of a violence-free Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2021, 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

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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon