



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:** Safety is a basic and vital human right; however, one in three Minnesota women are deprived of that right by domestic violence perpetrators; and
- WHEREAS:** Murder is an extreme and horrific outcome of a perpetrator's power and control tactics. In 2013, 38 Minnesotans were murdered in domestic violence incidents; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2013, 63,354 victims sought services from domestic violence programs, representing only a fraction of the number of victims in the state, as only one of every five victims seeks services; and
- WHEREAS:** Domestic violence is a public safety issue. Keeping victims of domestic violence safe and holding batterers accountable is the responsibility of the entire community. Battered women's programs, employers, law enforcement, faith communities, schools, the justice system, the government, and the community as a whole 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 2014, 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 24th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE