



## STATE of MINNESOTA

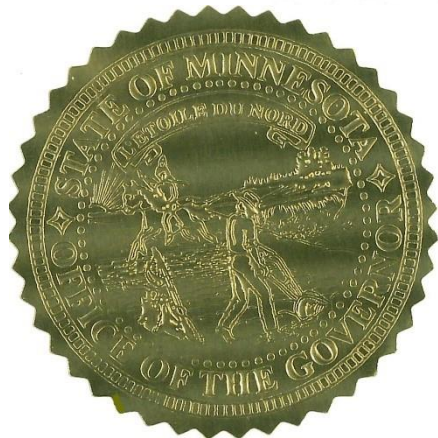
# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Domestic violence encompasses various forms of abuse within the home, including physical, sexual, emotional, economic, psychological, and technological actions or threats of actions aimed at gaining or maintaining control or power over someone. Intimate partner violence is a form of domestic violence that occurs within an intimate partner relationship; and
- WHEREAS: Domestic violence prevention and intervention programs across Minnesota provide support and resources to over 55,000 victims and survivors at any given time, providing a crucial role in ensuring safety and offering resources; and
- WHEREAS: Some populations, such as children and vulnerable adults, are particularly at risk, necessitating specialized support and resources tailored to their unique needs; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota acknowledges the unwavering dedication of advocacy groups and organizations working tirelessly to enhance laws and practices, protecting and empowering victims and survivors of domestic abuse, and addressing systemic racial disparities that make it difficult for victims to access services; and
- WHEREAS: A crucial aspect of combating domestic violence is fostering an environment where victims and survivors are believed, supported, and empowered in their search for justice, encouraging others to come forward and helping prevent further harm; and
- WHEREAS: The tragic impact of domestic violence is reflected in the lives lost, reminding us of the urgency to prevent such devastating outcomes; and
- WHEREAS: Safe and affordable housing is a top priority as housing insecurity is one of the main barriers preventing victims and survivors of domestic violence from seeking help and safety; and
- WHEREAS: Community collaboration plays a vital role in ensuring the safety of victims and survivors. It is important to support domestic violence prevention efforts and transformative initiatives to achieve a violence-free Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as:

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of September.



GOVERNOR

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