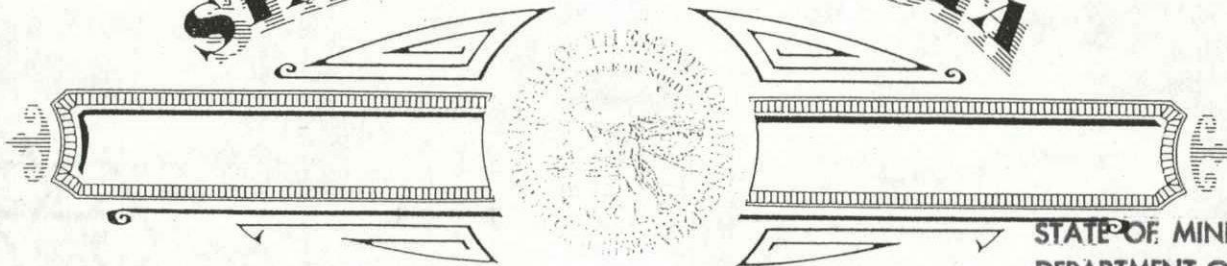


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Secretary of State

- WHEREAS: Twenty-two Minnesota women lost their lives in apparent domestic violence incidents in 1990; and
- WHEREAS: Domestic violence is the single largest cause of injury to women in the United States, affecting six million women; and
- WHEREAS: In 50 percent of families where the woman is being abused, the children of that family are also abused; and
- WHEREAS: Battering is a serious crime of violence affecting rural and urban women of all racial, social, religious, ethnic, economic groups and of all ages, sexual orientations and physical abilities; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota battered women's programs continue to lead the way nationally in assisting survivors of domestic violence, educating community members and training professionals; and
- WHEREAS: Volunteer and paid advocates in Minnesota battered women's programs assisted over 65,000 women and their children during the past year; and
- WHEREAS: Local advocacy programs continue to improve justice system responses so that domestic assault is treated as a crime rather than a "private" matter; and
- WHEREAS: Public awareness of the issue has significantly increased in the last 15 years due to the efforts of battered women's advocacy groups; and
- WHEREAS: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby commend and congratulate

BATTERED WOMEN AND BATTERED WOMEN'S ADVOCATES

in 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 twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-one, and of the State the one hundred thirty-third.

Arne H. Carlson
GOVERNOR

Joan A. Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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