



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: A home should be a place of stability, comfort, and love. Unfortunately, domestic violence shatters this important foundation; and
- WHEREAS: Domestic violence affects all Minnesotans, occurring in all racial, social, religious, ethnic, geographic, and economic groups; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs reported that more than 69,000 primary victims received services from battered women's shelters and domestic abuse agencies in 2009, and the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women reported that at least 12 women, 10 children, 1 man, and 2 friends or family members in Minnesota died as a result of domestic violence that year; and
- WHEREAS: The dangers presented by domestic violence have been tragically illustrated by at least 18 domestic violence homicides thus far in 2010; and
- WHEREAS: Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an opportunity to underscore the commitments made by organizations and individuals to end violence at home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2010, to be:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota and encourage citizens to remember the victims of domestic violence, celebrate the survivors, and work to eliminate domestic violence from our communities.



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 October in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the State the one hundred fifty-second.

Handwritten signature of Tim Pawlenty.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Phil Kal.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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