

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim October 2010

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Whereas, Domestic violence is the intentional and patterned use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and/or economic coercion and abuse that violates an individual's dignity, security, and psychological and physical well-being; and,

Whereas, Domestic violence is a tragic epidemic that has devastating effects on countless men, women and children from every region, culture and social status; and,

Whereas, An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year; however, most cases are never reported to the authorities; and,

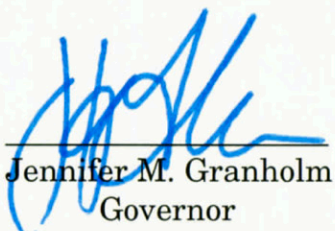
Whereas, Young males who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children as adults; and,

Whereas, The state of Michigan is committed to taking a firm position against domestic violence and will remain focused on ensuring that victims are safe in their homes and abusers are held accountable for their crimes; and,

Whereas, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an important opportunity for citizens to learn more about domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who are providing advocacy efforts, services, and assistance to domestic violence victims;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2010 Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Michigan. I encourage all citizens to join in the efforts to help bring an end to domestic violence in our state.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor