

# Proclamation

## by Governor Joe Manchin III

- Whereas,** the State of West Virginia recognizes that domestic violence is a serious crime and continues to become a more prevalent social problem; and,
- Whereas,** domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control or abuse; and,
- Whereas,** the strength of our state relies on healthy, peaceful families and the safety of its citizens and this strength must be ensured by coordinated community responses and comprehensive education; and,
- Whereas,** the dedicated professionals who work within victim advocacy organizations, medical and mental health communities, and the criminal justice system merit recognition for their exceptional efforts to reduce domestic violence; and,
- Whereas,** licensed domestic violence programs throughout the state are places of refuge and safety for persons who are victimized and can be instruments of healing for families injured by violence; and,
- Whereas,** no child should have to live in an abusive home and no one should have to live in fear in their home, on the streets or in the workplace; and,
- Whereas,** October is officially designated as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and marks the renewal of the state's commitment to end domestic violence;

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Joe Manchin III, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 2010* as:

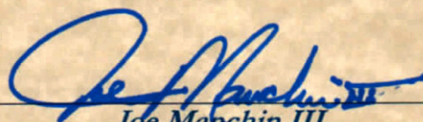
## *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to honor and commend the efforts of the members of the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, who are committed to creating "a safer state of family" in the Mountain State.

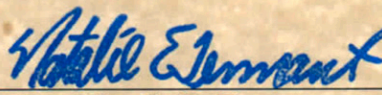
**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Thirteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Ten, and in the One Hundred Forty-eighth year of the State.



  
Joe Manchin III  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
Natalie E. Tennant  
Secretary of State