



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, 1 in every 3 teenagers, 1 in every 4 women, and 1 in every 6 men will experience domestic violence during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year; and

WHEREAS, when a family member is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leave a mark on family, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and is devastating to society as a whole; domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, survivors of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing, and other supportive services, and domestic violence survivors and their families are encouraged to seek assistance from appropriate victims' services organizations; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem; and

WHEREAS, local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education; and

WHEREAS, important partnerships have been formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, healthcare providers, allied professionals, and victim services to assist victims of domestic violence and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2018, as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama and urge all citizens to actively work towards the elimination of domestic violence in our state.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of
Montgomery on the 3rd day of October 2018.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor