



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious violent crime that includes any combination of physical, verbal, financial, emotional and technological abuse and/or control. Even if the abuse never includes physical violence, the effect can be as severe; and

WHEREAS, for far too long, domestic violence was ignored or treated as a private matter where victims were left to suffer in silence without hope of intervention, afraid to seek help or know where to turn. The traumatic effects of domestic violence also impact family members and entire communities, with children often witnessing the violence or becoming victims themselves; and

WHEREAS, despite considerable progress in reducing domestic violence, 37.5 percent of Alabama women and 29.5 percent of Alabama men will experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, and while women between the ages of 16 and 24 are among the most vulnerable to intimate partner violence, domestic violence affects people regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation, race or religion; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts millions of people each year, but it can be prevented. This year, we recommend ourselves, our community and society at large to learn and educate about domestic violence so we can feel confident in our ability to respond with compassion, interrupt acts of aggression and abuse and make a difference in a victim's life:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2026,
as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the state of Alabama, as we join others across the state and the nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as local programs, state coalitions, national organizations and other agencies nationwide who are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and sending a clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in Alabama.



*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 2nd day of October 2026.*

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor