



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota has taken a leadership role in addressing the problem of battered women by enacting several legislative measures including a Domestic Abuse Act and a Mandatory Report Law as well as appropriating funds for battered women services at the state and local level; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Corrections estimates that over 31,200 incidents of woman abuse occur each year in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: In 1983, the seventeen Minnesota shelters housed over 6,570 women and children and responded to over 26,550 requests on crisis lines for information and support; and

WHEREAS: Societal beliefs about battered women are deeply rooted in misconceptions about the victim and the crime; and

WHEREAS: The Domestic Violence Awareness Week is an endeavor to further address the ongoing need to increase Minnesotans' awareness and understanding of the scope and nature of the problems of battering; and

WHEREAS: The Domestic Violence Awareness Week aims to educate the public about battering, heighten community awareness to available programs and services concerning battered women, and increase the number of people using these services; and

WHEREAS: The Domestic Violence Awareness Week seeks to encourage all Minnesotans to be aware of the fact that battering is a crime of violence which is everyone's concern regardless of age, sex, social class, occupation, ethnicity or religion; and

WHEREAS: The Domestic Violence Awareness Week calls attention to the supports the tens of thousands of women who are assaulted by their partners each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 8 through October 14, 1984, to be

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK

in Minnesota.

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 fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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