



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** Societal beliefs about battered women are deeply rooted in misconceptions about the victim and the crime; and
- WHEREAS:** The Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an endeavor to further address the ongoing need to increase citizen awareness and understanding of the scope and nature of the problems of battering; and
- WHEREAS:** The Domestic Violence Awareness Month aims to educate the public about battering, heighten community awareness of available programs and services concerning battered women, and increase the number of people using these services; and
- WHEREAS:** The Domestic Violence Awareness Month seeks to encourage all residents in the state 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 Month calls attention to and 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 month of October to be**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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 twenty-first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

*Jean Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

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