

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

October 2018

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence perpetrators intentionally use a pattern of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and/or economic coercion and abuse to control their intimate partners, violating their dignity, security and psychological as well as physical well-being; and,

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence perpetrators cause significant and long-lasting trauma to countless women and men of every religion, culture as well as economic and social status; and,

**WHEREAS**, when children are involved, domestic violence perpetrators' choices to be violent and abusive are parenting choices that often have a devastating and far reaching adverse impact on the safety and well-being of children and their non-offending parents; and,

**WHEREAS**, The 2016 Michigan State Police's Incident Crime Report indicated that there were 89,403 domestic violence offenses reported to Michigan law enforcement in that year, and 116 of those included fatalities; and,

**WHEREAS**, The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that one in four women and one in nine men experience severe intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner contact sexual violence, and/or intimate partner stalking with impacts such as injury, fearfulness, posttraumatic stress disorder, use of victim services, contraction of sexually transmitted diseases, etc.; and,

**WHEREAS**, Michigan is committed to holding domestic violence perpetrators accountable, employing interventions in order to reduce the risk and harm to all victims as well as providing victims the resources and support they deserve to enhance their safety and well-being; and,

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an important opportunity to learn more about domestic violence and to demonstrate support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide advocacy efforts, services and assistance to victims;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Michigan.



Handwritten signature of Rick Snyder in blue ink.

Rick Snyder  
Governor

