

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2015

- WHEREAS,** *Domestic violence is a serious and pervasive crime affecting people of all races, ages, income levels and sexes; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The ramifications of domestic violence are staggering. The crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to the systemic use of physical, emotional sexual, psychological, and economic control or abuse; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In our country, an average of three women will die as a result of domestic violence each day. One in four women and one in thirteen men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Exposure to domestic violence puts young men and women in danger of long-term physical, psychological, and emotional harm; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is committed to putting an end to domestic violence and joins in commending the advocates, counselors, and supporters who provide care to those affected by these acts of cruelty and for our law enforcement personnel and others who work to bring offenders to justices.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2015 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland and call upon the people of our state to join in supporting this observance.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of October
Two Thousand and fifteen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Byrd H. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Wetherell
Secretary of State