

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

WHEREAS; according to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF), in Wisconsin, approximately 2,500 domestic violence survivors seek lifesaving assistance from local domestic violence service providers and shelters every day; and

WHEREAS; domestic violence is a public health issue that causes significant and long-lasting trauma to people of every identity and is often compounded by systemic inequities, mirroring patterns of abuse and oppression in society; and

WHEREAS; it is through the inspiration, courage, and persistence of survivors, their children, and advocates that legislation has been enacted to provide protection and services for survivors and their children; and

WHEREAS; we recognize all survivors of domestic violence for their resilience and strength and acknowledge the important efforts of all those working to support them, to prevent future violence in our communities, and to address generational trauma, including Wisconsin's state agencies; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins DCF in increasing awareness of and working to address the prevalence of violence in our communities, remembering all those we have lost to domestic violence, and centering on the experiences of survivors and their journeys to heal;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State