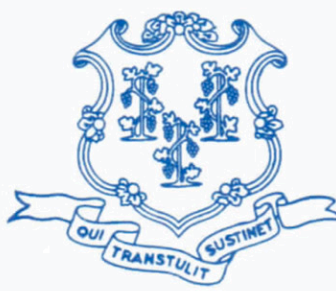


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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that is not confined to any group or groups of people but crosses all economic, racial, religious, gender preference and cultural barriers; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over four million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control or abuse; and

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting victims and society as a whole, and costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and more; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the month of October 2010 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Connecticut. I urge all our citizens to join me in working together to eliminate domestic violence from our community and bring peace and equality to every home.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor