

WHEREAS,

Domestic violence is a pattern of power and control by one intimate partner over another; and

WHEREAS,

Domestic violence is a crime which violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity; and

WHEREAS,

Domestic violence includes not only physical abuse, but also stalking, emotional abuse, economic abuse and sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS,

Domestic violence victims often suffer in silence as it is one of the most underreported crimes; and

WHEREAS,

Domestic violence touches the lives of Nebraskans regardless of age, race, economic status, religion or gender; and

WHEREAS,

Domestic violence causes a person's home to become a place of fear, silence and isolation; and

WHEREAS.

Increased response, training, community awareness and education will assist in increasing victim safety as well as increase abuser accountability.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of October, 2010, as



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to increase their awareness of domestic violence and to become part of the efforts to stop violence in families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Thirtieth day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Ten.

Attest:

D. Lhue

Secretary of State

Dave Herreman

Governor