

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**  
**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Domestic violence, in one way or another, affects every family in every town and city across our State and Nation. Too many of our homes have become places where women, children, and seniors suffer physical abuse and emotional trauma; and

WHEREAS: Raising public awareness of domestic violence, the needs of its victims and survivors, and the intergenerational cycle of violence is crucial to the safety and well-being of our citizens, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS: Domestic violence is a particularly devastating form of abuse because it wears a familiar face: the face of a spouse, parent, or partner. Societal indifference regarding family violence contributes to the endangerment of Arkansas families; and

WHEREAS: The crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity; and

WHEREAS: The dedicated professionals who work within victim-advocacy organizations, medical- and mental-health communities, and the criminal-justice system merit recognition for their exceptional efforts to reduce domestic violence; and

WHEREAS: Community shelters throughout the State are places of refuge and safety for persons who are victimized, and can be instruments of healing for families injured by violence; and

WHEREAS: No child should have to live in an abusive home; no person should have to live in fear in their home, on the streets, or in their workplace;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 2010, as

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across the State of Arkansas, and I urge my fellow citizens to honor and commend the efforts of the victims and the members of the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence, who are committed to ending the cycle of family violence by raising awareness in Arkansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord 2010.

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MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

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CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE

