  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A SERIOUS CRIME THAT AFFECTS PEOPLE OF ALL RACES, AGES, GENDER AND INCOME LEVELS; AND
- WHEREAS,** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS WIDESPREAD AND AFFECTS OVER 4 MILLION AMERICANS EACH YEAR; AND
- WHEREAS,** ONE IN THREE AMERICANS HAVE WITNESSED AN INCIDENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; 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,** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COSTS THE NATION BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ANNUALLY IN MEDICAL EXPENSES, POLICE AND COURT COSTS, SHELTERS, FOSTER CARE, SICK LEAVE, ABSENTEEISM, AND NON-PRODUCTIVITY; AND
- WHEREAS,** ONLY A COORDINATED COMMUNITY EFFORT WILL PUT A STOP TO THIS HEINOUS CRIME; 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:

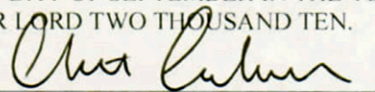
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER, 2010, AS**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

IN IOWA, AND URGE OUR CITIZENS TO WORK TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FROM OUR COMMUNITIES.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TEN.**

  
CHESTER J. CULVER  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
MICHAEL A. MAURO  
SECRETARY OF STATE