

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

WHEREAS, Domestic violence in a relationship is a behavior pattern used to gain or maintain power and control – behavior that often results in crimes against those whose voices have been silenced and whose lives have been upturned, tormented and threatened; and

WHEREAS, In 2010 alone, more than 4,100 women, men and children received emergency shelter and services in Kentucky's domestic violence centers, and more than 27,000 were provided non-residential services; and

WHEREAS, It is unconscionable to allow the cycle of violence to continue; and

WHEREAS, Service providers, civil and criminal justice professionals, government agents, legislators and the communities in which we live and work are committed to ending domestic violence through systemic change that addresses social inequities and the root causes of intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, Raising the awareness of domestic violence and promoting healthy relationships in Kentucky will help bring peace to Kentucky homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 2010 as

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten and in the 219<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Beshear".

STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson".

Trey Grayson  
Secretary of State