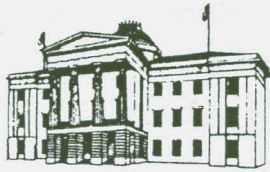


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH and DAY OF UNITY

2010

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of control in an intimate relationship where one person uses coercion and violence to gain power and control over his or her partner; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence includes not only physical abuse, but also mental abuse, emotional abuse, financial abuse, isolation, and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, women of all races and socioeconomic backgrounds are vulnerable to violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, local domestic violence programs in North Carolina responded to 126,016 crisis line calls and served 51,873 victims in FY 2009, according to the Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission; and

WHEREAS, 100 women, men, and children were murdered in 2009 in domestic violence-related homicides, according to the North Carolina Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina ranked 11th in the nation for the number of per capita homicides committed by men against women in 2007, according to the Violence Policy Center; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that anywhere between 3.3 million and 10 million children witness domestic violence annually; and

WHEREAS, approximately one in five female high school students reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, physical abuse during childhood increases the risk more than two-fold of future victimization among women and the risk of future perpetration of abuse by men; and

WHEREAS, 40 percent of girls ages 14 to 17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend; and

WHEREAS, by working together we can break the cycle of violence and build communities that are safe for everyone; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2010, as "**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**" and October 1, 2010, as "**DAY OF UNITY**" in North Carolina. I further urge our citizens to increase their awareness and education of this destructive force which deeply affects a large number of families in our State each year and to become part of the efforts to stop violence in families.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh, North Carolina, this 1st day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.