



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL 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, DONALD L. CARCIERI, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM,

October 2010

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our communities.

In recognition whereof I have hereby set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to be hereunto affixed this 1st day of October 2010.



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State