

Office of the Governor

**BOB RILEY**

Governor



STATE OF ALABAMA

## **Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month**

By the Governor of the State of Alabama

A Proclamation  
September 27, 2010

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, income levels, sexes, and religious backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control or abuse; and

WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, children who 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, court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, faith communities are often the first place to which victims of domestic violence turn for comfort and can provide guidance to safety and support; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence within the home carries over into the workplace to threaten the productivity and lives of employees and employers can play a crucial role in keeping victims safe and holding abusers accountable:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 2010, as

Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

in the State of Alabama.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 27th day of September 2010.

Governor Bob Riley