

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, 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 and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to these heinous crimes;

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, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 2010, as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 18th day of August 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.

Handwritten signature of Haley Barbour in blue ink.

HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNOR