

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



## The Lieutenant Governor of the State of Mississippi

**RECOGNIZES THAT OCTOBER 2010 IS  
"NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH IN MISSISSIPPI."**

**WHEREAS, October 1st marks the start of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Mississippi; and**

**WHEREAS, domestic violence remains a devastating public health crisis when one in four women will be physically or sexually assaulted by a partner at some point in her lifetime. During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we recognize the tremendous progress made in reducing domestic violence, and we recommit to making everyone's home a safe place; and**

**WHEREAS, to educate others about the dangers, the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence celebrated 30 years in service at their first "Purple for Peace" event in Jackson, Mississippi, on Friday, October 1, 2010; and**

**WHEREAS, ending domestic violence requires a collaborative effort involving every part of our society. Our law enforcement and justice system must work to hold offenders accountable and to protect victims and their children. Business, faith, and community leaders, as well as educators, health care providers, and human service professionals, also have a role to play in communicating that domestic violence is always unacceptable. As a state, we must endeavor to protect survivors, bring offenders to justice, and change attitudes that support such violence:**

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, on behalf of the Mississippi Senate, does hereby recognize that October 2010 is "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Mississippi," and call on all Mississippians to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes in finding the help and healing they need.**

Signed this 18th day of October, 2010.

