

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Between 2003 and 2007, 129 homicides occurred among Oregonians due to intimate partner violence; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2009, there were 2,835 adult survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault sheltered in emergency shelters, motels and safe homes; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2009, there were 19,506 requests for shelter by adult survivors of domestic violence in Oregon that could not be met; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon child welfare statistics for 2009 show that 31.7% of child protective cases with founded abuse had domestic violence as a “family stress indicator;” and
- WHEREAS:** In a 2004 survey of Oregon women ages 20-55, nearly one-third reported that they had experienced one or more types of violent victimization – including threats of violence, physical assaults, sexual assaults, or stalking; and
- WHEREAS:** Despite the many efforts aimed at preventing this violence and supporting victims, domestic violence continues to be a health and safety crisis in our communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The effects of this violence on our families and communities are profound and include homelessness, adverse impacts on children, substance abuse, increased health care costs, lost work time and productivity and denial of victims’ basic human dignity.

NOW,
THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 2010** to be

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

In Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, August 27, 2010.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Kate Brown
Kate Brown, Secretary of State