



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, domestic violence impacts countless New Yorkers, without regard to age, race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or economic or immigration or housing status; and causes suffering for countless adults and children, and the communities where they reside; and

Whereas, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime and reported some form of intimate partner violence related impact; and

Whereas, 54% of transgender individuals experience some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime; and

Whereas, New York State is the only state in the country with an executive-level agency, the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, dedicated to preventing domestic violence and improving response to survivors; and

Whereas, the State's network of domestic violence programs provides a range of essential services, including the provision of non-residential services to nearly 39,363 survivors and children and residential services to more than 10,931 survivors and children in 2021; and

Whereas, New York State continues to lead the nation in enacting laws that enhance safety for survivors of domestic violence and that hold offenders accountable for their behavior; and

Whereas, the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence is working to transform domestic and sexual violence service delivery to be more survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive; and

Whereas, New Yorkers are united in offering unequivocal support during this month-long observance to the survivors of domestic violence and the work of public and private entities striving to provide them with the best possible services, while sending a clear message to abusers that such crimes will never be tolerated;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day of
October in the year two thousand twenty-two.

Kathy Hochul
Governor

[Signature]

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh