



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State recognizes the extreme danger, fear, and harm that stalking can inflict on people's lives and is committed to eliminating all forms of gender-based violence that threaten the safety and well-being of individuals, children, and families; and

Whereas, stalking is a crime as defined in New York State Penal Law Article 120, which contains multiple stalking offenses that have varying degrees of culpability and penalty; and

Whereas, 40% of stalking victims are stalked by current or former intimate partners and 74% of those stalked by a former partner have reported violence or coercive control during the period of that relationship; and

Whereas, 81% of women stalked by a current or former cohabitating partner were also physically assaulted by said partner and 31% were sexually assaulted; and

Whereas, femicide is defined by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime as the gender-related killing of women and girls, and 76% of femicide victims reported being stalked; and

Whereas, technology-facilitated stalking and abuse is on the rise across the nation with 80% of stalking victims reporting that they have been stalked through the use of technology; and

Whereas, New York State is committed to preventing stalking and holding stalkers accountable to the fullest extent of the law; and

Whereas, nationally, New York is the only state to establish an executive level agency dedicated to the issue of gender-based violence and supporting those impacted by it; and

Whereas, New York State seeks to protect all people from stalking and any act of gender-based violence by implementing survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive legislation and policies; and

Whereas, New Yorkers offer unwavering support to survivors of stalking and all gender-based violence during this month-long observance, especially today on Stalking Awareness Day of Action, and the entities working tirelessly to provide the best possible services to create a culture free from stalking and all acts of gender-based violence;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim January 2024 as

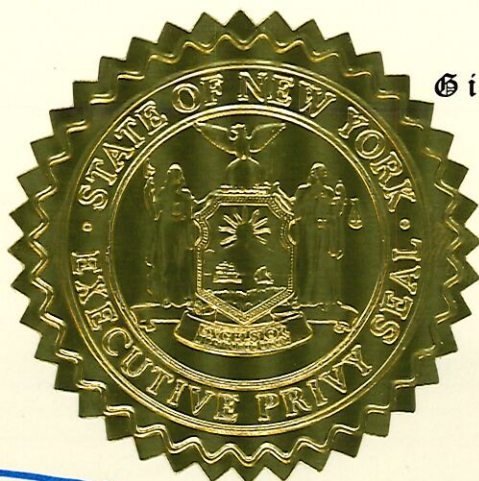
STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

and January 18, 2024 as

STALKING AWARENESS DAY OF ACTION

in the Empire State.

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this second day of January in the year two thousand twenty-four.



Kathy Hochul
Governor

Karen Persichilli Keogh

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh