



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, domestic violence impacts over 80,000 New Yorkers each year, without regard to age, race, gender identity, sexual identity, political affiliation, economic, immigration, or housing status; and

Whereas, New York State is dedicated to protecting survivors of gender-based violence by creating a system of support that is survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive, and is the only state in the country to have a cabinet-level state agency dedicated to these issues and supportive resources; and

Whereas, approximately one in three women and about one in four men report having experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

Whereas, 25% to 33% of same-sex relationships have experienced domestic violence, bisexual women are 1.8 times more likely to report experiencing domestic violence compared to heterosexual women, and bisexual men are more likely to report experiencing domestic violence compared to heterosexual men; 54% of transgender individuals experience some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime; and

Whereas, the Federal Bureau of Investigations has reported a concerning rise in incidents of sextortion – a serious crime that occurs when someone threatens to distribute a person's private and sensitive material if they don't provide images of a sexual nature, sexual favors, or money; the Bureau has issued a national public safety alert on these harms which, according to the latest available data for the time period between October 2021 and March 2023, have led to more than 20 suicides nationwide among minors who are often the target of such schemes; and

Whereas, as directed by Executive Order No. 17, all covered New York State employees – which includes supervisors, Domestic Violence Agency Liaisons, and those in human resource positions – are required to take the Gender-Based Violence and the Workplace training that was created by the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and, to date, over 200 Domestic Violence Agency Liaisons and over 86,000 New York State employees have been trained; and

Whereas, New York State is making significant investments, including \$35.8 million to prevent and prosecute crimes of domestic violence and \$5 million per year in flexible funding for survivors through the Survivor Access Financial Empowerment (SAFE) program, which provide potentially lifesaving emergency financial assistance to hundreds of survivors; and

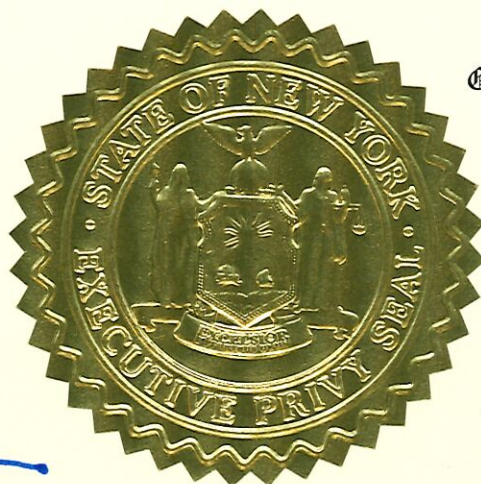
Whereas, the State's network of domestic violence programs also provides a range of essential services, including the provision of non-residential services to over 43,000 survivors and children, and residential services to roughly 10,200 survivors and children each year; and

Whereas, New York State stands firm in its commitment to combat domestic violence and other acts of gender-based violence, including technology-facilitated abuse, and supports the work of public and private entities striving to provide survivors with the best possible services to promote a culture, including online, that is free from domestic and all gender-based violence that threatens the safety and well-being of all individuals, children, and families;

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the Empire State.



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

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh

Governor