



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State is committed to protecting the safety and privacy of people and recognizes the danger, fear, and harm that stalking can inflict on a person's life, and that in extreme cases, the consequences can be serious; 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, stalking often occurs in past or present relationships, whereby 40% of stalking victims are stalked by current or former intimate partners and 74% of those stalked by a former partner reported violence or coercive control during their relationship; and

Whereas, tragically, physical violence impacts many women stalked by a current or former live-in partner, whereby 81% were physically assaulted by said partner and 31% were sexually assaulted; and

Whereas, advances in technology have increased the ways an individual can track, harass, and threaten someone they are stalking and 80% of stalking victims report being stalked with technology; and

Whereas, New York State has instituted significant measures to address and prevent stalking and all forms of gender-based violence and holds offenders accountable to the fullest extent of the law; and

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

Whereas, New York State seeks to protect adults, teens, children, and families from stalking and any act of gender-based violence through the implementation of survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally-responsive legislation and policies; and

Whereas, during the month of January, we highlight the many levels of danger associated with stalking as a crime and a social concern, and New Yorkers join in the observance of Stalking Awareness Month and Stalking Awareness Day of Action to offer unwavering support to survivors of stalking and all gender-based violence; every person has the right to live without fear of harm or threat to their physical, mental, psychological, and emotional safety and well-being, and we recognize the organizations and individuals that work to foster a safer society through services and resources to combat stalking and all acts of gender-based violence; and

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim January 2025 as

STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

and January 18, 2025 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 sixteenth day of January in the year two thousand twenty-five.

Kathy Hochul
Governor

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh