



**STATE OF TEXAS
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The family unit is the bedrock upon which our society is built, and as such, domestic violence constitutes both a blight on our nation and an egregious affront to basic human dignity. In a just, civilized society, spouses should not have to live in fear of their partners, and no children should experience violence at the hands of their parents. Parental and marital bonds are sacrosanct, and domestic violence poisons these relationships, inflicting profound physical and emotional wounds. Tragically, millions of Texans have endured domestic violence, yet a brave but relative few seek family violence resources on a daily basis. A solemn duty befalls each of us to create a culture wherein the intolerable act of domestic abuse is decried and punished.

To purge domestic violence from our society, we must cultivate the values of love, kindness, and gentleness, and we must educate ourselves on both healthy behaviors within the context of close relationships and telltale signs of abuse. We must never defend the indefensible act of domestic violence, but we must instead work to eliminate it. As Governor of Texas, I have been proud to take concrete steps toward the eradication of domestic violence. To this end, in the battle against domestic violence, judges, law enforcement officers, and survivors are better equipped and better protected than they were eight years ago. More work, however, remains if this nation is to achieve liberty and justice for all.

In addition to concerted prevention efforts, we must support the survivors of domestic violence as they rebuild their lives and heal from the wounds inflicted upon them. Texas and her people have long been defined by an abiding desire to help those in need, and compassionate individuals and dedicated organizations strive to support victims by meeting their needs and walking alongside them through agonizingly difficult seasons of life. Domestic violence shelters, social support groups, and advocacy organizations labor in common cause every day to bring about a better, brighter future free from domestic violence, and we must all find ways to advance this noble cause.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about domestic violence, to support the many groups that work toward its elimination, and to show heartfelt empathy and concern for survivors. In the fight against domestic violence, we all have a part to play, and we must never rest until this evil is extinguished once and for all.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2022 to be

Domestic Violence Awareness Month



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
1st day of October, 2022.


Governor of Texas