

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Kentuckians deserve to live in a commonwealth where all individuals, families, and communities have what they need to live safely and thrive; and
- WHEREAS, 34% of Kentucky women and 14% of Kentucky men experience contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking with an intimate partner violence-related impact in their lifetimes; and
- WHEREAS, Intimate partner violence is motivated by power and control and is perpetuated by a complex range of abuse tactics, including but not limited to physical abuse, verbal abuse, emotional abuse, stalking and intimidation, financial abuse, reproductive coercion, and sabotage of career and education; and
- WHEREAS, This complex range of abuse tactics leads to job instability, high medical debt, poor credit from financial exploitation, and additional barriers that keep survivors from being able to meet their basic needs; and
- WHEREAS, Survivors experience multiple forms of violence in addition to gender-based violence, including poverty, homelessness, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, and xenophobia, which requires an intersectional approach to both providing care and implementing solutions to intimate partner violence; and
- WHEREAS, We can create systems that work for Kentuckians and bring about a future free from violence for everyone by working collectively to establish cultural norms that reject violence as a normal way of life. As a Kentucky united against violence, we can end domestic violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 2023, as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 18th day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Three and in the 232nd year of the Commonwealth.

Andy Beshear

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GOVERNOR

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Secretary of State