



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all ages, races, genders and income levels; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects more than four million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for residents to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 2017

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey and urge residents to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our communities.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-sixth of September in the year two thousand seventeen, the two hundred forty-second year of the Independence of the United States.

*Kim Guadagnoli*  
LT. GOVERNOR

*Chris Christie*  
GOVERNOR