

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence, which can include physical, mental, sexual, emotional, and financial abuse, is a means of intimidation and violence to influence and control a partner involved in an intimate relationship; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 1 in 2 women and more than 2 in 5 men in the United States will experience some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime including sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking; and

WHEREAS, according to NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement's grant funded agencies, more than 75,000 North Carolinians received domestic violence services in 2021-22, and more than 3,000 were referred to Domestic Violence Intervention Programs for offenders between April 2021 and March 2022, with than 1,200 completing the full 26-week program; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence found evidence of at least 47 domestic violence-related homicides in North Carolina, including 11 victims whose perpetrators died by suicide; consequently, domestic violence is a serious public health issue that results in billions of dollars spent annually in medical, mental health, and lost work productivity costs; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that historically underserved populations experience higher rates of intimate partner violence, including individuals of the LGBTQIA+ community, those of low socioeconomic status, immigrants, persons with disabilities, and racial and ethnic minorities; and

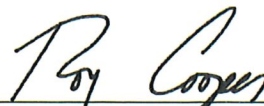
WHEREAS, limited supply of and access to affordable housing across North Carolina increasingly limits the ability of communities to respond to and prevent further domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the significant impact domestic violence has on North Carolina individuals, families, children, schools, and workplaces, and in our military and veteran communities; and

WHEREAS, by working together, we can build a culture where intimate partner violence is not tolerated and all individuals can be safe, feel respected, and live free from abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2023, as **"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.




Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.