



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects more than 4 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 rate higher than average; and

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

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens 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, Phil Bredesen, the Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of October as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Tennessee and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 25th day of August, 2010.

A blue ink signature of Phil Bredesen, written in a cursive style.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Sue Hargrett, written in a cursive style.

Secretary of State

