

STATE OF VERMONT  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
A PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and basic humanity; and
- WHEREAS, the problem of domestic violence cuts across all socio-economic, racial, sexual orientation, gender and geographic status; and
- WHEREAS, 6,657 victims of domestic violence sought services from the member programs of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence last year; and
- WHEREAS, on June 30, 2009 there were 1,240 persons under supervision of the Department of Corrections for domestic violence-related offenses; and
- WHEREAS, in 2009 there were 345 women, 182 children and 16 men who were housed in shelters or safe-homes as part of member programs of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; and
- WHEREAS, domestic and sexual violence towards women, children and men are inconsistent with the traditional values of Vermonters.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, James H. Douglas, Governor, do hereby proclaim **October, 2010** as

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

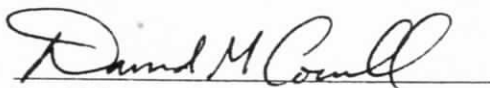


in Vermont and urge all Vermonters to observe this month by becoming more aware of the tragedy of domestic violence, supporting those who are working towards its end and participating in community and personal efforts to eradicate domestic violence from Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, A.D. 2010.

  
James H. Douglas  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
David M. Coriell  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs