



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men are victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, there were over 73,000 domestic violence incidents reported and over 5,900 persons seeking shelter from domestic violence in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, victims of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem; and

WHEREAS, local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education; and

WHEREAS, we have a moral obligation to work to prevent domestic violence and to address its brutal and destructive effects; and

WHEREAS, citizens are urged to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by local domestic violence and child advocacy centers across Tennessee to work towards the elimination of personal and institutional violence for all Tennessee citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 2019 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

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 fifth day of September, 2019.

Handwritten signature of Bill Lee in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State

