

**EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence affects every person in South Dakota either as a victim/survivor of domestic violence or as a family member, significant other, friend, neighbor, or co-workers; and

**WHEREAS**, 33.7% of South Dakota women and 30.2% of South Dakota men experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence, and/or intimate partner stalking according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers, paid professionals, and community allies are working tirelessly to promote domestic violence awareness by offering educational programs to schools, churches, and civic organizations, as well as professional training to medical, mental health, law enforcement, education, and criminal justice personnel regarding domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous domestic violence and sexual assault programs and other advocates for non-violence have joined together to support each other in their work and to provide the citizens of local communities and the state of South Dakota with a central source of information on domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of October, efforts will be intensified to promote public understanding of domestic violence and to increase sensitivity of victims emphasizing the need for citizen involvement in efforts to reduce domestic violence through public education and changing public attitudes; and

**WHEREAS**, local victim service agencies throughout the state will be prompting their services to increase community support for their agencies and increase awareness of the healing potential of survivors.


**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTI NOEM**, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

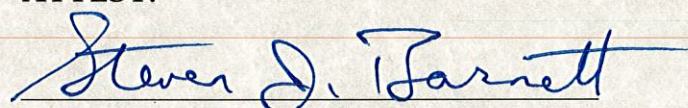
in South Dakota.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this twenty-first day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



  
Kristi Noem  
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

  
Steven J. Barnett  
Secretary of State