STATE OF MICHIGAN

Executive Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm hereby proclaim October 2005, as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Whereas, Spanning centuries, cultures, and continents, domestic violence is a tragic epidemic that has plagued our society, having devastating effects on countless numbers of women and children; and,

Whereas, The Federal Bureau of Investigation's 2003 Uniform Crime Report indicates that of the 1,320 known intimate partner homicides in the U.S., approximately 79 percent were female victims; and,

Whereas, Domestic violence is the intentional and patterned use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic coercion and abuse; and,

Whereas, The State of Michigan is committed to taking a firm position against domestic violence and will remain focused on ensuring that women and children are safe in their homes and abusers are held accountable for their crimes; and,

Whereas, Domestic Violence Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about domestic violence issues and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who are providing advocacy efforts, services, and assistance to domestic violence victims; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2005, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Michigan, and I encourage all citizens to join in the efforts to help bring an end to this serious problem.

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor