STATE OF MICHIGAN

Executive Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, do hereby proclaim January 2007, as

Stalking Awareness Month

Whereas, Michigan defines stalking as "a 'willful course of conduct' involving repeated or continuing harassment of another individual that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested, and that actually causes the victim to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested"; and,

Whereas, The National Institute of Justice indicates that nearly 1,500,000 people are victims of stalking annually in the United States, 1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetime, and 81 percent of women stalked by a current or former intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner; and,

Whereas, The "Stalking and Intimate Partner Femicide" study found that 76 percent of femicide and 85 percent of attempted femicide victims had been stalked by their intimate partners in the year prior to their murder; and,

Whereas, Many stalkers are former intimate partners of their victims; and,

Whereas, Stalking is a crime under the laws of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the federal government; and,

Whereas, Michigan passed some of the country's strongest stalking laws in 1993 which subsequently withstood constitutional scrutiny and challenge; and,

Whereas, The crime of stalking violates an individual's privacy, dignity, and security; and,

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

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim January 2007, as Stalking Awareness Month, and I encourage all citizens to join in the effort to end this most serious crime.

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

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