

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

*Whereas*, domestic violence, including physical, sexual, emotional and economic abuse, does not discriminate based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socioeconomic status; and

*Whereas*, domestic violence has a serious impact on many Delawareans, threatening the safety, health, and wellbeing of many families and communities; and

*Whereas*, children exposed to domestic violence in their homes are adversely affected and are more likely to experience traumatic stress symptoms; and

*Whereas*, through public awareness and action for social change, the State of Delaware seeks to promote safe and healthy relationships in our communities; and

*Whereas*, during the month of October, victim-advocate groups, centers, service workers, and many other organizations come together to connect those who work to end violence, and to celebrate those who have survived and mourn those who have died because of domestic violence; and

*Whereas*, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an opportunity to stand with domestic violence survivors, to celebrate the progress made in combating these crimes, and to recommit to reducing domestic violence in the State;

*Now, Therefore, I, Jack A. Markell, Governor,*  
do hereby declare October 2015

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in the State of Delaware, and urge all of our citizens to support efforts to promote healthy and respectful relationships.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jack A. Markell".

Jack A. Markell, Governor

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