

Proclamation

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious public health problem affecting Arizonans in all communities, regardless of age, race, gender, socio-economic status, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation; and
WHEREAS, more than 52 million women and 49 million men in the United States reported experiencing any physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and
WHEREAS, one in two women and one in four men have experienced sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime; and
WHEREAS, in 2022, there were 101 known domestic violence-related fatalities across Arizona; and
WHEREAS, 30 percent of children exposed to intimate partner violence had their first exposure before the age of two, and an additional 26 percent had their first exposure between the ages of two and seven; and
WHEREAS, without a proper response, the Adverse Childhood Experience of witnessing violence in the home may result in lasting negative effects on lifelong well-being; and
WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence are more likely to experience significant short and long-term impacts: such as frequent headaches, post-traumatic stress symptoms, difficulty sleeping, chronic pain, and poor mental health; and
WHEREAS, promoting prevention strategies can help reduce the occurrence of intimate partner violence, support survivors, and lessen harm to individuals, families, and communities; and
WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides the opportunity to enhance education, prevention, and intervention efforts around domestic violence, and support organizations that provide advocacy efforts, services, and assistance to victims.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

And call upon all government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, colleges, schools, parents, and citizens in the state of Arizona to support domestic violence survivors, and take a stand against all forms of violence and abuse in relationships by joining the #LightingAZPurple campaign, visiting EndDV.AZ.gov, and expanding efforts to #EndDVinAZ.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-ninth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE