

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is a prevalent social problem that not only harms the victim, but also negatively impacts a victim's family, friends, and community at large; and,*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence exists in all neighborhoods and cities, and affects people of all ages, genders, racial, ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds; and,*

*WHEREAS, the health-related costs of rape, physical assault, stalking, trafficking, and homicide by intimate partners exceeds \$8.3 billion every year; and,*

*WHEREAS, the annual cost of lost productivity in the workplace due to domestic violence is estimated to be \$5.8 billion; and,*

*WHEREAS, through the month of October, the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence and its 50 member organizations will hold numerous events across the state in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, including walk/runs, silent witness events, candlelight vigils, and marches;*

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in Illinois.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*  
*this TWENTY-FOUR day of SEPTEMBER, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
*EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundredth.*



*Deese Witt*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR