

STATE OF OHIO

# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

In Recognition of

**National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Ohio  
October 2010**

*Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender. It crosses all socio-economic boundaries. In 2009, domestic violence impacted the lives of 56,302 Ohioans. There could be countless other victims who did not report the crime.*

*To raise awareness about Domestic Violence, the State of Ohio is participating in the 23rd annual National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.*

*As we observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I urge communities, businesses, local governments, law enforcement and individuals to work together to stop violence in homes, schools and the workplace.*

**Now, therefore, I, TED STRICKLAND, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby proclaim October 2010 to be**

***National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Ohio***

*and I call upon all Ohioans to recognize the importance of creating awareness for the issue, celebrate those who have survived domestic violence, mourn those who have been lost to it, and continue to encourage advocates of all professional disciplines to work together to provide coordinated services that improve the public's understanding of domestic violence, enhance services for victims and make our communities healthier and safer.*



**Ted Strickland  
Governor**