WHEREAS: Domestic violence is a perpetrator's systematic use of abusive tactics to
denigrate, dominate, or endanger their intimate partners and children, denying
them safety at home, work, school, or in the community; and

WHEREAS: Safety is a basic and vital human right; however, one in three Minnesota women
are deprived of that right by domestic violence perpetrators; and

WHEREAS: Murder is an extreme and horrific outcome of a perpetrator's power and control
tactics. In 2013, 38 Minnesotans were murdered in domestic violence incidents; and

WHEREAS: In 2013, 63,354 victims sought services from domestic violence programs,
representing only a fraction of the number of victims in the state, as only one of
every five victims seeks services; and

WHEREAS: Domestic violence is a public safety issue. Keeping victims of domestic violence
safe and holding batterers accountable is the responsibility of the entire
community. Battered women's programs, employers, law enforcement, faith
communities, schools, the justice system, the government, and the community as
a whole must work together to promote justice, provide safety, and prevent harm
on behalf of all Minnesotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month
of October 2014, as:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State
of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol
this 24th day of September.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR

Mark Dayton
SECRETARY OF STATE