



## 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 knows no boundaries; it 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, and homicide by intimate partners amount to nearly \$6 billion every year, and the annual cost of lost productivity in the workplace due to domestic violence is estimated to be hundreds of millions of dollars, with nearly eight million paid workdays lost per year; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 125,000 domestic crimes each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, through the month of October, the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence and its 52 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 2017 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            TWELFTH            day of            SEPTEMBER           , in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

           SEVENTEEN           , and of the State of Illinois,

one hundred and            NINETY-NINTH           .

*Dee Dee White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR