State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND NATIONAL DAY OF UNITY

2014

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a means of intimidation and violence to influence and control a partner involved in an intimate relationship; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is not always physical and can take the form of mental abuse, emotional abuse, financial abuse and isolation; and

WHEREAS, one in four women will experience physical violence from their partners in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, local domestic violence programs in North Carolina responded to approximately 114,034 crisis line calls, served nearly 57,345 victims and provided shelter for about 14,543 victims in FY 2013, roughly 43 percent of whom were children, according to the North Carolina Council for Women; and

WHEREAS, numerous economic and human resources statewide are dedicated to prevention and support services for victims of domestic violence through the Governor's Crime Commission, NC Council for Women and the Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Department of Justice, 108 women, men and children lost their lives due to domestic violence-related homicides in 2013; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated between three to 10 million children witness domestic violence annually; and

WHEREAS, approximately 25 percent of female high school students report an experience with domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, one in three teens annually experience abuse or threats from their partner; and

WHEREAS, state-funded programs serve nearly 60,000 victims of domestic violence annually; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the significant impact domestic violence has on North Carolina families, children, schools and in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, by working together, we can say ENOUGH and break the cycle of violence, building communities that are safe for everyone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014, as "**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**" and October 1, 2014, as "**NATIONAL DAY OF UNITY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirtieth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

Pat McCrory

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Governor