



WHEREAS, domestic abuse and violence are serious injustices that affect people and families of all races, ages, genders and income levels; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men has experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, each year, nearly half of all homicides in Maine are related to domestic abuse and violence; and

WHEREAS, over 14,000 Maine people affected by domestic violence reach out for help each year; and

WHEREAS, domestic abuse and violence are preventable through public education initiatives, advocacy for better policies and support systems, resources for people affected by abuse, and holding perpetrators to account; and

WHEREAS, we all have a role to play in changing the cultural norms and interrupting the belief systems that underlie abuse and in making abusive behavior socially unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an opportunity to shine a critical light on the issue of domestic abuse and violence; and

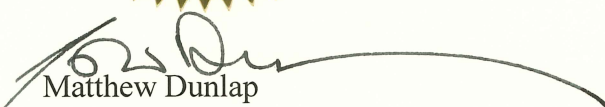
WHEREAS, this October there are opportunities in all corners of our state for Maine people to take action and demonstrate their support for healthy, safe, and joyful communities free from abuse and violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby recognize October 2019 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

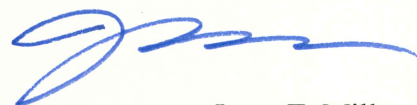
throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to recognize this observance.




Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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In testimony whereof, I have caused
the Great Seal of the State to be
hereunto affixed GIVEN under my
hand at Augusta this twentieth day of
September Two Thousand Nineteen



Janet T. Mills
Governor