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 exists in all neighborhoods and cities, affects people of all ages, genders, racial, ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds; and,

WHEREAS, the health related costs of rape, physical assault, stalking, trafficking and homicide by intimate partners exceeds $8.3 billion every year; and,

WHEREAS, the annual cost of lost productivity in the workplace due to domestic violence is estimated at $5.8 billion every year; and,

WHEREAS, through the month of October the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence and its 50 plus member organizations will hold numerous events across the state in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, including walks/runs, candlelight vigils, silent witness events and marches;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, declare the month of October 2019 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 FIRST day of OCTOBER, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and NINETEEN, and of the State of Illinois, two hundred and FIRST.

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR