

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation
by
Walter J. Hickel, Governor

In Alaska, more than nineteen thousand women are victims of domestic violence each year, and approximately eighty-seven hundred victims and their children sought safety and other services from programs funded by the State of Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from July 1, 1991, through June 30, 1992.

The problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cross all economic, racial, and social barriers. The impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, affecting society as a whole.

The crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, and security, often leaving an imprint of fear and hostility. All people have a right to freedom from fear in their own homes.

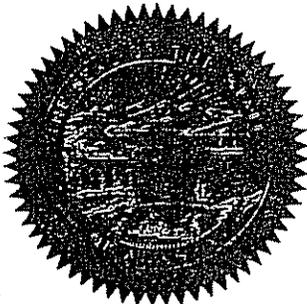
In our responsibility to impose sanctions on those who break the law by perpetuating violence, we must also meet the needs of battered women and their children who often suffer grave financial, physical, and psychological losses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Walter J. Hickel, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim the month of October 1992 as:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Alaska, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, and urge all citizens to actively support those efforts designed to reduce and ultimately eliminate domestic violence.

DATED: September 24, 1992



Done by __

Walter J. Hickel

Walter J. Hickel, Governor
who has also authorized the seal
of the State of Alaska
to be affixed to this proclamation.