



**Whereas, under the laws of all fifty states, the U.S. Territories, the District of Columbia, and the federal government, stalking is a crime;**

**Whereas, 13.5 million people are stalked in a one-year period in the United States, and the majority of victims are stalked by someone they know;**

**Whereas, 3 in 4 women killed by an intimate partner have been stalked by that partner;**

**Whereas, many stalking victims lose time from work and experience serious psychological distress and lost productivity at a much higher rate than the general population;**

**Whereas, many stalking victims are forced to protect themselves by relocating, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders;**

**Whereas, more victims are stalked using technology — such as phone calls, text messages, social media platforms, internet posts, emails, and electronic tracking — than not using any technology;**

**Whereas, there is a need for great public awareness about the nature, criminality, and potential lethality of stalking;**

**Whereas, criminal justice systems can enhance their responses to stalking by regular training and thorough investigation and prosecution of the crime;**

**Whereas, laws and public policies must be continually adapted to keep pace with new tactics used by stalkers;**

**Whereas, communities can better combat stalking by adopting multidisciplinary responses by teams of local agencies and organizations and by providing more and better victim services;**

**and Whereas, \_\_\_\_\_ is joining forces with victim service providers, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout \_\_\_\_\_ and the United States to observe National Stalking Awareness Month.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_, as \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim January 2024 as STALKING AWARENESS MONTH in \_\_\_\_\_ and applaud the efforts of the many victim service providers, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, national and community organizations, and private sector supporters for their efforts in promoting awareness about stalking.**

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