



**Message
from**

***The Honourable Kim Beazley, AC
Governor of Western Australia***

I am honoured to have been asked to provide a message of support for the inaugural LGBTI Domestic Violence Awareness Day, and I congratulate all involved in marking this day in our yearly calendars.

Domestic violence statistics in Australia are alarmingly high, and these rates have increased through the recent restrictions caused by COVID-19.

I am aware that at all times these reported rates often exclude those people in the LGBTI community and that the reporting rates of this group are significantly lower. That is why this day is such an important opportunity to raise awareness and offer support, hope and encouragement to victims of domestic violence that they need not suffer in silence.

#IamHereForYou to help raise awareness to put an end to domestic violence in the LGBTI community.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

GOVERNOR