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Domestic violence is everyone's business

Reno, NV—October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Across the nation, experts and those who work with victims of domestic violence are planning Domestic Violence Awareness Month events that educate the public, inspire action, and inform victims of the help and services that are available as they seek violence-free lives.

The statistics are staggering. With 28 victims of intimate partner homicide in just one year, Nevada continues among the top 5 states with the highest number of females murdered by males in single victim/single offender incidents (*When Men Murder Women*, Violence Policy Center, www.vpc.org). Nationally, on an average day, three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends.

This October, domestic violence experts and service providers across our state are coming together to help end abuse and to speak out against domestic and sexual violence. While the activities come in all shapes and sizes, the goals are the same: to raise awareness about the prevalence and cost of domestic and sexual violence, the need for prevention, and the services that are available to victims and their families. Find out what is happening in your community during Domestic Violence Awareness Month on our website at www.nnadv.org.

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (NNADV) will host a press conference, to be held on October 14th at 2 p.m. at Platinum Salon and Spa in Carson City. This event highlights the *CUT IT OUT* campaign, a collaborative statewide effort mobilizing the salon community to join the movement against abuse. On October 24th at 10:00 a.m. we are organizing an event with the Girl Scouts of Frontier Council in

Las Vegas, where girls will learn about the *Peace Begins at Home* Domestic Violence Awareness Council Patch program. Sue Meuschke, Executive Director of NNADV will speak at both of these events.

Domestic violence affects all of us—every family, every workplace, and every community. But it is a problem we can solve, and each one of us has a role to play in stopping domestic violence. Action can be as simple as contributing money or clothing to a local shelter, volunteering time to a program that aids victims of abuse, talking to a child about relationship violence, offering support to a victim of violence, or posting awareness materials in public places.

This October is the ideal time to make a commitment to end domestic and sexual violence and help keep women and children safe in their homes. Individuals who want to help or who would like to participate in Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities can call the domestic violence program in their area for more information.

More information about local events:

Battle Mountain (Lander Co.): Committee Against Domestic Violence, Tel. 775.635.5947

Carson City (Carson & Storey Co.): Advocates To End Domestic Violence, Tel. 775.883.7654

Elko (Elko, Eureka & White Pine Counties): Committee Against Domestic Violence, Tel. 775.738.6524

Fallon (Churchill Co.): Domestic Violence Intervention, Tel. 775.423.1313

Hawthorne (Mineral Co.): Advocates To End Domestic Violence, Tel. 775.945.2472

Henderson (Clark Co.): S.A.F.E. House, Tel. 702.451.4203

Incline Village (Washoe Co.): Tahoe Women's Services, Tel. 775.298.0010

Las Vegas (Clark Co.): Safe Nest, Tel. 702.877.0133

Lovelock (Pershing Co.): Domestic Violence Intervention, Tel. 775.273.7373

Minden (Douglas Co.): Family Support Council, Tel. 775.782.7565

Pahrump (Nye, Lincoln & Esmeralda Counties): No To Abuse, Tel. 775.751.1118

Reno (Washoe Co.): Committee To Aid Abused Women, Tel. 775.329.4150

Reno (Washoe Co.): A Safe Embrace, Tel. 775.322.3466

Winnemucca (Humboldt Co.): Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc., Tel. 775.625.1313

Yerington (Lyon Co.): A.L.I.V.E., Tel. 775.463.5843

About NNADV: The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence was founded in 1980 to work toward the elimination of domestic and sexual violence against all persons. As Nevada's statewide coalition, NNADV is an inclusive network which both supports our member programs, and educates the public at large. Our agency is based in Reno, but our member programs span the entire state.

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