

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

YOUR ORGANIZATION HERE Observes Domestic Violence Awareness Month

YOUR TOWN, Oklahoma – MONTH DATE, 2010 – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and YOUR ORGANIZATION HERE will host/present YOUR EVENT HERE to educate and empower the public and victims about domestic violence.

Nearly 25 percent of women surveyed by the Office for Violence Against Women revealed that they had been raped or physically assaulted by a current or former spouse, cohabiting partner, or date at some point in their lives.

"INSERT QUOTE HERE," says DIRECTOR OF YOUR ORGANIZATION. "INCLUDE SOME OF YOUR LOCAL STATS."

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) was adapted from the "Day of Unity" in October 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The purpose of the day was to connect advocates across the country who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became an entire week at the local, state, and national levels.

In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed, and in 1989, October was designated as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month by Congress.

Observances in Oklahoma include a press conference on October 6 at 1:30 p.m., at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to assist domestic violence victims and their families. Nominations for the Award for Excellence in Action Against Domestic Violence from the Oklahoma District Attorney's Council, the Office of the Attorney General and the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault come in from across the state and honorees from the field of prosecution, victim services, and law enforcement, as well as a volunteer are selected.

Victim Service organizations from across the state also participate in a Chili Cook-Off, and on the evening of October 6, victims and advocates will gather at the Capitol for a sunset ceremony.

Locally, YOUR ORGANIZATION HERE, will observe DVAM on DATE, at TIME, with YOUR EVENT HERE.

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