

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



"The Violence Against Women Act protects the lives of tens of thousands of domestic violence victims."
-- Senator Barbara Boxer

- * 3 women are murdered by an intimate partner every day in America!
- * 4.8 million American women are physically assaulted every year!

Violence against women has long been a widespread but little known epidemic affecting local, national and international communities alike. But now people like you and me are speaking out about this serious issue, and by raising awareness, are helping to stop violence against women.

To help states, municipalities, agencies and individuals further the goals of the Violence Against Women Act, the US Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women has worked with Congress and the President to establish months designated to raise awareness about the four crimes included in the bill: January is Stalking Awareness Month; February is Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month; April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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1. Ask your Mayor or City Council to declare a Proclamation or Resolution for the Month
2. Wear a purple ribbon or a heart on your sleeve
3. Distribute Free Dating Pledge Cards (StopDatingViolence.org)
4. Find out if your school has a Dating Violence Policy

For More Information: StopDatingViolence.org * EndAbuse.org * BWJP.org * NCDBW.org * NDVH.org * NNEDV.org * NRCDV.org * National Domestic Violence Hotline : 800-799-SAFE (7233)

SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and
WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year; and
WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and
WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and
WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and
WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and
WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, do hereby proclaim the month of October as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Please send a copy of your Mayor or Governor's proclamation to StopDatingViolence.org - The EMILY Fund
PO Box 430, Roosevelt, NJ 08555-0430, or send a scan to 1-888-247-1921 or info@StopDatingViolence.org

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