HISTORY OF OCTOBER NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND DAY OF UNITY OCTOBER 1

Read NCADV's information about the suggestion of moving DVAM from October to another month.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women’s advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

These activities were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors but had common themes: mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year the first national toll-free hotline was begun. In 1989 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation was passed by the U.S. Congress. Such legislation has passed every year since with NCADV providing key leadership in this effort.

In October 1994 NCADV, in conjunction with Ms. Magazine, created the "Remember My Name" project, a national registry to increase public awareness of domestic violence deaths. Since then,
NCADV has been collecting information on women who have been killed by an intimate partner and produces a poster each October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, listing the names of those documented in that year.

**The Day of Unity is celebrated the first Monday in October.** NCADV hopes that events in communities and regions across the fifty states will culminate in a powerful statement celebrating the strength of battered women and their children.

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**Call of Unity for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month to feature CNN Anchor Christi Paul and Grammy Award Winning Artist Gloria Gaynor**

Friday, September 28, 2012

CNN anchor Christi Paul and Grammy Award winner Gloria Gaynor will help kick off National Domestic Violence Month this October by participating in the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence’s third annual “National Call of Unity.”

This year’s call takes place Tuesday, October 2, 2012, starting at 3 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The call will
feature the stories of a number of survivors, including Ms. Paul, who recently published “Love Isn’t Supposed to Hurt” and serves on the board of directors of Safe Kids Georgia and as an ambassador for Liz Claiborne’s Love Is Not Abuse anti-dating violence project. Ms. Gaynor, best known for her hit song “I Will Survive,” will be heard in a recorded message. She is a spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence.

More than 400 listeners are expected to take part in the 45-minute call. In addition to those who call in on their own, many people listen together as groups at counseling centers, domestic violence shelters, meeting rooms, at school and at home.

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is observed each October to

- Mourn those who have died because of domestic violence,
- Celebrate the advancements we have made to support those who have survived, and
- Connect those within the movement to end violence against women and girls.

Register for the FREE Call of Unity, October 2, 2012, 3 p.m. EDT

Success Story

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National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth
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