OMNI NATIONAL Domestic Violence Awareness Month (NDVAM OR DVAM) AND DAY OF UNITY OCTOBER, 2013. Compiled by Dick Bennett for a Culture of Peace and Justice.

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Presidential Proclamation -- National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, 2013

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Since the passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) nearly 20 years ago, our Nation's response to domestic violence has greatly improved. What was too often seen as a private matter best hidden behind closed doors is now an established issue of national concern. We have changed our laws, transformed our culture, and improved support services for survivors. We have seen a significant drop in domestic violence homicides and improved training for police, prosecutors, and advocates. Yet we must do more to provide protection and justice for survivors and to prevent violence from occurring. During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we stand with domestic abuse survivors, celebrate our Nation's progress in combatting these despicable crimes, and resolve to carry on until domestic violence is no more.

Although we have made substantial progress in reducing domestic violence, one in four women and one in seven men in the United States still suffer serious physical violence at the hands of an intimate partner at least once during their lifetimes. Every day, three women lose their lives in this country as a result of domestic violence. Millions of Americans live in daily, silent fear within their own homes.

My Administration remains devoted to halting this devastating violence. To lead by example, last year I directed Federal agencies to develop policies to assist victims of domestic violence in the Federal workforce. Earlier this year, Vice President Biden announced new grants for initiatives that aim to reduce domestic violence homicides across our country.

This past spring, I signed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act. The Act provides law enforcement with better resources to investigate cases of rape, gives colleges more tools to educate students about dating violence and sexual assault, and empowers tribal courts to prosecute those who commit domestic violence on tribal lands, regardless of whether the aggressor is a member of the tribe. In addition, VAWA will continue to allow relief for immigrant victims of domestic violence, and LGBT victims will receive care and assistance.

Thanks to the landmark Affordable Care Act, insurance companies will be prohibited from denying coverage because of pre-existing conditions, and new health plans must cover domestic violence screening and counseling with no copayments or cost sharing. Millions will have the chance to sign up for affordable care through the new Health Insurance Marketplace by visiting www.HealthCare.gov beginning October 1.

Ending violence in the home is a national imperative that requires vigilance and dedication from every sector of our society. We must continue to stand alongside advocates, victim service providers, law enforcement, and our criminal justicesystem as they hold offenders...
accountable and provide care and support to survivors. But our efforts must extend beyond the criminal justice system to include housing and economic advocacy for survivors. We must work with young people to stop violence before it starts. We must also reach out to friends and loved ones who have suffered from domestic violence, and we must tell them they are not alone. I encourage victims, their loved ones, and concerned citizens to learn more by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE, or by visiting www.TheHotline.org.

This October, let us honor National Domestic Violence Awareness Month by promoting peace in our own families, homes, and communities. Let us renew our commitment to end domestic violence -- in every city, every town, and every corner of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I call on all Americans to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes in finding the help and healing they need.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

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Domestic Violence Awareness 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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1. National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, 2013
www.whitehouse.gov › Briefing Room › Presidential Actions
Sep 30, 2013 - This October, let us honor National Domestic Violence Awareness Month ... do hereby proclaim October 2013 as National Domestic Violence.

2. News for Domestic Violence Awareness Month ...

1. NYS Officials: Wear Purple On Wednesday For Domestic Violence Awareness
CBS Local - 3 days ago
Andrew Cuomo declared *October Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and encouraged New Yorkers to participate in the annual Shine the ...

2. *FamilyTime holds annual candlelight vigil for domestic violence victims*
   Your Houston News - 1 day ago

3. *Steps toward combatting domestic violence taken*
   Marshall County Tribune - 19 hours ago

3. **October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
   [dvrc-or.org/domestic/ violence/resources/C191/](dvrc-or.org/domestic/ violence/resources/C191/)
   
   *October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month*, a time for the community to come... Domestic violence touches every person in our community and society as a whole; ...2013 Domestic Violence Resource Center | site by NetRaising | email ...

4. **Domestic Violence Awareness Month - National Network to End ...**
   [www.nnedv.org › Get Involved](www.nnedv.org › Get Involved)
   Sequestration Endangers Women - 2013. After years of budget cuts, ... *October* is National *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*. Domestic violence thrives ...

5. **Domestic Violence Awareness Month - National Coalition Against ...**
   [www.ncadv.org/takeaction/DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth.php](www.ncadv.org/takeaction/DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth.php)
   
   *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in *October*, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

6. **October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month! - Caring Unlimited**
   
   October is *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*! ... At Caring Unlimited, we believe writing and sharing stories of abuse ... *Thursday, October 3, 2013 6:30 PM*

7. **Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities | Events | News + ...**
   [hubbardhouse.org/news.../domestic-violence-awareness-month-activities/](hubbardhouse.org/news.../domestic-violence-awareness-month-activities/)
   
   *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* Activities. When: *October 31, 2013 from 10:36am-11:59pm*; Where: N/A. Purple Ribbon It's Domestic Violence Awareness ...

8. **Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2013 - Crescenta ...**
   
   Oct 11, 2013 - The Glendale Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) presents its 8th Annual DVAM (*Domestic Violence Awareness Month*). The CSW is ...

9. **DVAM Events | Domestic Violence Awareness Project (DVAP)**
   [www.nrcdv.org/dvam/DVAM-Events](www.nrcdv.org/dvam/DVAM-Events)
   
   Each year the *Domestic Violence Awareness* Project requests information ...Stepping Out Against *Domestic Violence* Walk, Georgia, *Tuesday, 29 October 2013* ...

10. **Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October 2013) | National ...**
    
    *Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October 2013)*. 10/2013. In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the National Child Traumatic Stress ...
DPD balloon release for Domestic Violence Awareness month - Fox ...
www.myfoxdetroit.com/.../dpd-balloon-release-for-domestic-violence-aware...

2 hours ago - Friday the Detroit Police Department celebrated domestic violence survivors, mourned the ... October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. ....Updated: Friday, October 18 2013 8:23 PM EDT2013-10-19 00:23:10 GMT.

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1.  Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 - GovTrack.us
www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/s47/text
Text of S. 47: Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of ... as of Mar 19, 2013(Passed Congress/Enrolled Bill version). S. 47: Violence Against Women ...

2.  WHO report highlights violence against women as a 'global health ...
www.who.int/mediacentre/.../2013/violence_against_women_20130620/...
Jun 20, 2013 - Physical or sexual violence is a public health problem that affects more than one third of all women globally, according to a new report released ...

3.  Ending Violence Against Women: 19 Years of Progress | The White ...
www.whitehouse.gov › The Administration
Sep 13, 2013 - Today marks the 19th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The initial VAWA legislation focused on changing law ...

4.  Violence Against Women Is A 'Global Health Problem Of Epidemic ...
www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/.../violence-against-women-who_n_347...
Jun 20, 2013 - About one in three women worldwide experience sexual or physical violence at least once in their lives, according to a World Health ...

5.  International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
www.timeanddate.com › Calendar › Holidays
International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2013. Monday ...Violence against women is an issue that UN and many others take seriously.

www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/57sess.htm
Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls ..... From 14 to 16 January 2013, UN Women, in partnership with the UN Economic ...
7. **WHO Finds Violence Against Women Is 'Shockingly' Common...**
   [NPR](www.npr.org/.../2013/.../who-finds-violence-against-women-is-shocking...)
   Jun 20, 2013 - The first comprehensive global study to be conducted finds that domestic violence kills many women and leaves others with long-standing...

8. **News for Violence Against Women 2013**

1. Waris Dirie: 'Female genital mutilation is pure violence against girls'
   [The Guardian](- 3 days ago)
   Emine Saner: Supermodel Waris Dirie was just five when she became a victim of female genital mutilation. As she collects an award for her...

9. **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2013 Theme: The Gender...**
   The UN declares an International Women's Day theme and for 2013 it is “A promise is a promise: Time for action to end violence against women”. In 2012 it was...
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10. **Violence Against Women in India - NYTimes.com**
    Sep 10, 2013 - The men convicted of raping a student in Delhi shouldn't get the death penalty. A push to make the country safe would be a far greater tribute to...

11. **[PDF]**
    This Act may be cited as the "Violence Against Women. Reauthorization Act of 2013". SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS. The table of contents for this Act is as...
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