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MEDIA RELEASE

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

ROCKFORD, IL – Judge Jennifer Clifford, Chairperson of the 17th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council (FVCC) and co-chair of the Statewide FVCC, announces that October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The community is encouraged to support the multiple community awareness activities planned throughout the month, beginning with hosting an information booth and related activities at Rockford City Market the evening of September 29th. Community awareness activities seek to provide education and honor those who have been impacted by violence in Winnebago and Boone Counties.

The FVCC has planned many awareness activities throughout the month of October including a weekly virtual community lunch and learn series, a screening of the film *This Is Where I Learned Not to Sleep*, and a Boone County Clothesline Project. The annual Shining the Light on Domestic Violence ceremony for Winnebago County will be held at Rockford City Hall on Thursday, October 26th at 5:30pm. An inaugural Boone County Shining the Light on Domestic Violence Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, October 11th at the Boone County Historical Museum. Additional information about planned events can be found on the attached calendar or by visiting the 17th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council Facebook page. Honorable Jennifer Clifford commented, “We have several opportunities throughout the month of October where those in our community can learn about the various forms of domestic violence and prevention efforts against domestic violence that exist here in the 17th Circuit. We are thankful for the multiple organizations that partner with us not only in October but throughout the entire year to address our community’s response to domestic violence.”

The 17th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council is funded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and serves Boone and Winnebago counties. The FVCC serves as a forum to coordinate community and professional efforts to address family violence, including domestic violence, teen dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child abuse. For more information about the work of the FVCC, contact Nicole Ticknor at nticknor@17thcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 2023 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

FUNDING FOR THESE ACTIVITIES PROVIDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Community Lunch and Learn 12pm Domestic Violence and the Pretrial Fairness Act 	4	5	6	7
8 IN THE US, NEARLY 20 PEOPLE EXPERIENCE INTIMATE PARTNER PHYSICAL VIOLENCE EVERY MINUTE #DVFACTS	9	10 Community Lunch and Learn 12pm Domestic Violence and Stalking 	11 5:00 PM BOONE COUNTY SHINING THE LIGHT CEREMONY @ BOONE CO. MUSEUM HEALTH CARES ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DAY 	12 Film Screening: <i>This is Where I Learned Not to Sleep</i> 12pm Nordloff Center	13	14 Register for the free film screening at bit.ly/dvamfilm
15	16	17 Community Lunch and Learn 12pm Domestic Violence and Strangulation 	18	19 WEAR PURPLE DAY Share your purple photos social media! 	20	21
22 AN ABUSER'S ACCESS TO A FIREARM INCREASES THE RISK OF INTIMATE PARTNER FEMICIDE BY 400% #DVFACTS	23	24 Community Lunch and Learn 12pm Domestic Violence and the Criminal Justice Response 	25	26 5:30 PM WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHINING THE LIGHT CEREMONY @ ROCKFORD CITY HALL 	27	28 PHYSICAL VIOLENCE IS OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY EMOTIONALLY ABUSIVE AND CONTROLLING BEHAVIOR AS PART OF A MUCH LARGER, SYSTEMATIC PATTERN OF DOMINANCE AND CONTROL #DVFACTS
29	30	31 Community Lunch and Learn 12pm Domestic Violence and Community Resources 				

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