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### **Domestic Violence Awareness Month: DA McMahon's Office Leads 'Day of Action' on Staten Island**

*\*\*RCDA staff set out across Staten Island to post flyers with resources for victims of domestic violence in the windows of local businesses; first of several events scheduled in October to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month\*\**

Staten Island, N.Y. — Today, Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon and his staff led a 'Day of Action' on Staten Island to begin the first in a series of events scheduled throughout October commemorating Domestic Violence Awareness Month. During RCDA's 'Day of Action,' volunteers from the DA's office set out across Staten Island, posting flyers with resources for victims of domestic violence in the windows of local businesses in different neighborhoods, helping to raise awareness on this important issue. Additionally, RCDA will co-sponsor a number of events this October to mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month, including a webinar where RCDA and partners will discuss the criminal and civil legal process for domestic violence cases and share resources available to victims, as well as promote public awareness campaigns like the #NOMORE campaign.

"While my office is always committed to protecting and offering support to victims of domestic violence, this year, advocacy and awareness are especially important as we know that COVID-19 has forced many victims to quarantine at home with their abusers. We must make every effort to reach those most vulnerable and extend our support and resources during this challenging time," **said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon.** "I want every Staten Islander to know that my office's Domestic Violence Bureau is here for you, and our dedicated team of prosecutors and victim advocates will fight tirelessly for you to receive the help and resources needed to ensure your safety and protection."

Additional events scheduled for this month include:

#### **Wednesday, October 14th at 3:00pm**

#DVAM2020: A Panel Discussion co-sponsored by RCDA, the Staten Island Family Justice Center, Staten Island Legal Services and The Richmond County Domestic Violence Task Force.

#### **Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm**

Go Purple Day NYC

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm**

First Annual Women of Courage Domestic Violence Conference co-sponsored by the Central Family Life Center and Richmond County District Attorney's Office.

You can also follow our social media accounts on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram @StatenIslandDA for information on events and resources available to residents in our borough. The Community Partnership Unit will be posting #DVAM2020 material all month long. For more information on any of these events, contact Lisa Thompson at [Lisa.Thompson@rcda.nyc.gov](mailto:Lisa.Thompson@rcda.nyc.gov)

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