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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; One 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 continue 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. Like last year's event, RCDA staff took to the streets to engage residents in conversation about domestic violence and to offer information about the resources available to anyone in need. Resource tables were set up throughout the day at three locations – ShopRite in Charleston; ShopRite in New Dorp; Shop and Stop in Elm Park/Westerleigh, and Western Beef in Stapleton. This year, RCDA is asking for Staten Islanders to donate items that will be used to create emergency survival kits to be provided to victims of domestic violence and their families. Additionally, RCDA will cosponsor a number of events this October to mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

District Attorney Michael E. McMahon said, "As we continue to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I am proud to see Staten Islanders coming together to support survivors everywhere. Throughout this month, we have been working together closely with our partners across the community to highlight services and resources available to those in need. These vital services are available year-round through my office's Domestic Violence Bureau and the Staten Island Family Justice Center, and we encourage anyone in need to reach out to us. We know that domestic violence is a serious issue survivors face every day, but we want everyone to know that help is always available."

Additional events being held this month include:

- October 20 & October 22

- Together We Can: A Community Response to Domestic Violence. A two-part web series hosted by Richmond County Domestic Violence Task Force and co-sponsored by RCDA and several members of the task force.
- October 21
 - NYC Go Purple Day - Wear purple to raise awareness about domestic violence/ intimate partner violence.
- In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, The Central Family Life Center, True 2 Life, The Center for Court Innovation and RCDA will host a discussion on how to identify unhealthy relationships, tips for safety planning, and the ways in which we can support survivors of domestic violence. ADA Victoria Levin will join as a panelist. The event takes place 10/21, 4-6 at 59 Wright street:

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 #DVAM2021 material all month long. For more information on any of these events, contact Lisa Thompson at Lisa.Thompson@rcda.nyc.gov

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