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OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HONOLULU – Marking the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Department of the Attorney General and Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) encourage community members to come together to keep our communities safe. While law enforcement and victim advocacy services are available, we need the community to help end domestic violence.

Attorney General Doug Chin said, “Domestic violence is a persistent and unacceptable condition in our communities. Please use this month to educate yourself to help stop others from being hurt.”

HSCADV Executive Director Stacey Moniz said, “This October marks the 30th year we have been honoring Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We encourage our communities across the state to engage with your local domestic violence programs. Please get involved, donate or volunteer, follow them on social media and help raise awareness of the valuable resources available on every island. Let's all stand together and say, Hawaii Says No More to domestic violence.”

For information on what is domestic violence, go to the U.S. Department of Justice webpage <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/domestic-violence>. There are many ways to get involved. It could be as simple as wearing the color purple to bring domestic violence awareness on October 19th, National Purple Thursday. You can also participate in a number of free events around the state, including:

- A Domestic Violence Awareness Fair being held at the **Maui Queen** Kaahumanu Center on October 14th;
- The 29th **Hilo** Family and Peace Walk and Vigil on October 27th; and
- ‘Slippa’ Donation to benefit Child and Family Service emergency shelters and domestic violence programs on October 14th at the **Pearl City** Walmart.

For a complete listing of events, go to HSCADV’s website at <https://www.hscadv.org/>

In 2015, there were 10,830 Protective Orders filed in Family Court in addition to 1,280 arrests for Violation of a Temporary Restraining Order and 2,774 arrests for Violation of

a Protection Order. For a listing of domestic violence victim advocacy services go to <https://www.hscadv.org/resources>, and other important contacts <https://www.hscadv.org/other-important-contacts>

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