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PRESS RELEASE

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month- Wear Purple on October 30

(North Charleston, SC) October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This month we honor those who have survived the nightmare of a physically abusive relationship and remember those whose lives were taken at the hand of someone they once trusted. According to the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (www.sccadvasa.org), more than 36,000 victims report an incident of domestic violence to law enforcement in South Carolina each year. This number is extremely high, yet we know that many victims do not report violence at all! The Violence Policy Center ranks South Carolina first in the nation for women killed by men. Nationally, the leading cause of injuries to women ages fifteen to forty-four is domestic violence according to the U.S. Surgeon General.

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office has numerous resources available to victims of Domestic abuse and encourages everyone to stand up and speak out against this type of violence! As this month comes to an end, we will show our support by wearing purple on October 30. We encourage everyone to join us by wearing purple clothing or ribbons. With the support of the community, victims can get the strength to seek help and justice!

If you are a victim of domestic violence, help is available. Call 911 for emergencies or contact our Victim Advocates at 843-745-2250 for information on resources that are available to you.

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