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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

What: Domestic violence is not a private family matter – it is a crime. Domestic violence not only affects those who are abused, but also has a significant effect on family members, friends, co-workers, and the community at large. In 2003, almost 25 percent of all female homicide victims were killed by their intimate partners (California Department of Justice, 2003). The Yolo County District Attorney's Office charged over 321 new cases of felony domestic violence cases from July 2006 – September 2007, not counting hundreds of misdemeanor domestic violence cases.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Yolo County District Attorneys Victim Services Division and the Yolo County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center will hold a press conference on October 3, 2007 at 12:00 pm in front of the Yolo County Courthouse to announce a full calendar of events that are being held in October to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig will discuss the importance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Victim Services Advocate Julia Hernandez will talk about the schedule of events in October. Mariko Yamada, Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, will present a Board Resolution proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

When: Wednesday, October 3, 2007, Noon

Where: Yolo County Courthouse
725 Court Street
Woodland, CA 95695

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