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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Woodland, CA –October 27, 2011- Domestic violence is a social problem. It is rooted in social values that place importance on people having power over others, and allow violence against women and other groups to occur. Domestic violence is much more than the occasional family dispute and according to experts one in every four women will experience domestic violence sometime in her lifetime.

The Yolo County District Attorney's Office wants the community to know there are ways to join the effort to stop domestic violence. Here are some ideas that people can take while always remembering to keep themselves safe.

- Help a friend who is being abused – let him/her know that the abuse is not their fault and provide nonjudgmental support while helping to identify resources and options
- Educate yourself and others – call your local domestic violence program to schedule a presentation for your workplace, community group or church.
- Support your local domestic violence program – most hotlines, advocacy or shelter organizations could benefit from your time, financial support or other donations.
- Set an example – make a commitment to work for equality and ending violence in all its forms. Model non-violent and respectful behavior through your everyday actions.

Events organized at the District Attorney's Office included a clothing drive that will benefit the Yolo County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center and the Wayfarer's Center in Woodland. On Fridays, the staff at the District Attorney's Office has been wearing purple to raise awareness during the work day.

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