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## **October is a Time to Mourn, Celebrate and Connect**

***Nevada Governor Sandoval Proclaims October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month***

Reno, NV—October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time when experts and those professionals who work with victims of domestic violence are planning events that educate the public, inspire action, and inform victims of the help and services that are available as they seek violence-free lives.

These activities are particularly important in Nevada, where in 2009 the state had the highest rate of females being murdered by males, with 2.70 murders per 100,000, according to the study [\*When Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2009 Homicide Data\*](#), recently released by the Violence Policy Center in Washington. D.C. This rate was more than double the national average. Nevada has held the top position for four of the last five years.

“These statistics are a grim reminder that domestic violence can escalate to homicide. More resources need to be made available to protect women and prevent such tragedies,” says Sue Meuschke, Executive Director of the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (NNADV). “This October, domestic violence service providers and allied professionals across our state are coming together to help end abuse and to speak out against domestic and sexual violence.”

October is the ideal time to commit to end domestic and sexual violence and help keep women and children safe in their homes, whether that’s contributing to a local shelter, volunteering time to a program that aids victims of abuse, talking to a teen about relationship violence, offering support to a survivor of violence, or posting awareness materials in your workplace.

“I urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs working toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women,” declares Brian Sandoval, Governor of Nevada in his proclamation announcing October 2011 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Individuals who want to help or who would like to participate in Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities can call the domestic violence program in their community for more information.

**More information about local events:**

While the activities are varied, the goals are the same: to raise awareness about the prevalence and cost of domestic and sexual violence, the need for prevention, and the services that are available to victims and their families.

**Battle Mountain** (Lander Co.): Committee Against Domestic Violence, Tel. 775.635.5947  
**Carson City** (Carson & Storey Co.): Advocates to End Domestic Violence, Tel. 775.883.7654  
**Elko** (Elko, Eureka & White Pine Counties): Committee Against Domestic Violence, Tel. 775.738.6524  
**Fallon** (Churchill Co.): Domestic Violence Intervention, Tel. 775.423.1313  
**Hawthorne** (Mineral Co.): Advocates to End Domestic Violence, Tel. 775.945.2472  
**Henderson** (Clark Co.): S.A.F.E. House, Tel. 702.451.4203  
**Incline Village** (Washoe Co.): Tahoe SAFE Alliance, Tel. 775.298.0010  
**Las Vegas** (Clark Co.): Safe Nest, Tel. 702.877.0133  
**Lovelock** (Pershing Co.): Domestic Violence Intervention, Tel. 775.273.7373  
**Minden** (Douglas Co.): Family Support Council, Tel. 775.782.7565  
**Pahrump** (Nye, Lincoln & Esmeralda Counties): No To Abuse, Tel. 775.751.1118  
**Reno** (Washoe Co.): Committee to Aid Abused Women, Tel. 775.329.4150  
**Reno** (Washoe Co.): A Safe Embrace, Tel. 775.322.3466  
**Winnemucca** (Humboldt Co.): Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services, Inc., Tel. 775.625.1313  
**Yerington** (Lyon Co.): A.L.I.V.E., Tel. 775.463.5843

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**About NNADV:** The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence was founded in 1980 to work toward the elimination of domestic and sexual violence against all persons. As Nevada's statewide coalition, NNADV is an inclusive network which both supports our member programs, and educates the public at large. Our agency is based in Reno, but our member programs span the entire state.