

# NATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION

Join us in Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Week of Action, sponsored by the National Network to End Domestic Violence.

## October 16, 2016 – Conversation Sunday

- Many people don't know that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month - even though 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime and an average of 3 women die every day at the hands of a current or former intimate partner. We'll be posting talking points on our Facebook page, WIRC-CAA Victim Services.
- We'll be sending information to faith communities for use on one of the October Sundays. Check for information in your church bulletins. Maybe your congregational leader will even speak on the topic.

## October 17, 2016 – Media Monday

- Abusers misuse technology to stalk, monitor, harass, or even impersonate their victims. Check out <http://techsafety.org/resources-survivors> for information about technology safety, everything from resources for safety apps on your iPhone or Android to information about protecting yourself from online threats, from privacy and safety on-line, especially social media sites, to creating strong passwords, to distributing sexually explicit photos and revenge porn.

## October 18, 2016 – Tie-in Tuesday

- The National Network to End Domestic Violence and Women's Law are hosting a bilingual Twitter chat today from 1-2 p.m. (Central time)

## October 19, 2016 – Write-in Wednesday

- Today's the day for you to write a letter to your local newspaper, state senator or representative, or federal senator or representative about a domestic violence concern or issue. If you want to gather some friends together and have someone from our agency come talk let us know. We can meet with you throughout the month or even other times, whatever is convenient.
- Don't be shy. Our legislators prefer good ol' hard copy letters from their constituents rather than e-mails, faxes, or texts. Your heartfelt thoughts are what is important.

## October 20, 2016 – Purple Thursday

- Join us Thursday, October 20 by wearing or displaying purple to raise awareness about domestic violence. If you'd like purple ribbons for you and your friends or coworkers, give us a call at 309/837-6622 and we'll be happy to get them to you. We have personal size awareness ones as well as big ribbons to tie on to doors, poles, signs, wherever you like.
- Share a photo using the hashtag #PurpleThursday. Do it yourself, or better yet, get others involved and in the picture too. E-mail it to [patti@wirpc.org](mailto:patti@wirpc.org) and we'll put it on our Facebook page.

## October 21, 2016 – Film Friday

- Host a DV movie night with some friends and discuss the themes you see. We can send you a discussion guide to help out.
- Check out this Pinterest board for movie ideas <https://www.pinterest.com/nnedv/movies-with-dv-themes/>
- You might be surprised at some of these on the list. Did you know Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" is one that also has DV in it?

## October 22, 2016 – Shout-out Saturday

- Today is a day we're going to celebrate those in our communities who speak out for survivors and use their voices to make a difference. If you would like to share someone's story with us about how she/he is doing this, please e-mail it to [diane@wirpc.org](mailto:diane@wirpc.org) or give her a call at 309/837-6622.