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Kansas Governor Proclaims October 2018 Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Topeka, KS – On October 1, 2018, Kansas Governor Jeff Coyler proclaimed October 2018 Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Kansas.

Eight members of KCSDV's staff, as well as one employee of a KCSDV coalition member program, were present at the Governor's Office Monday as Gov. Coyler signed the proclamation, making the 2018 awareness month officially recognized by the state.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) increases awareness about domestic violence. KCSDV's mission is to prevent and eliminate sexual and domestic violence.



“Domestic violence is a widespread, preventable, public health problem, directly affecting at least 35 percent of all Kansans – and indirectly and directly affecting us all,” said KCSDV Executive Director Joyce Grover.

Present and included in the picture is: Stefanie Spade, KCSDV's Rural Collaboration Coordinator; Kathy Ray, KCSDV's Director of Advocacy, Education, and Rural Projects; Michelle McCormick, YWCA NE KS Center for Safety and Empowerment's Program Director; Sara Rust-Martin, KCSDV's Director of Legal and Policy; Laura Jones, KCSDV's Statewide SANE SART Project Coordinator; Kristina Scott, KCSDV's Child Welfare Project Coordinator; Joyce Grover, KCSDV's Executive Director; and Lucca Wang, KCSDV's Communications Coordinator.

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Domestic violence can be lethal: At least 12.8% of all homicides in Kansas in 2016 were domestic violence-related. Domestic violence is underreported.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is KCSDV's national leader for the awareness month. NCADV published a DVAM #SurvivorSpeaks awareness campaign [toolkit](#) on the NCADV website for anyone to access and use.

Organizations and people across the U.S. and in cities and communities in Kansas are honoring DVAM. Visit KCSDV's map of KCSDV coalition member programs on the KCSDV website at <http://kcsdv.org/find-help/in-kansas/dv-sa-services.html> to access each KCSDV coalition member program's website for support and to see what events may be happening near you.

Learn more about [domestic violence](#) and where to [find help](#) on KCSDV's website at <http://kcsdv.org>.

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The [Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence \(KCSDV\)](#) is Kansas' leading statewide voice for victims and survivors of sexual and domestic violence. KCSDV works with about 27 coalition members and with partners to prevent and eliminate sexual and domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. Find more information on KCSDV's website at <http://kcsdv.org>. Contact KCSDV by message at <http://kcsdv.org/contact.html> and by phone at 785-232-9784. The 24-hour Kansas Crisis Hotline is 888-END-ABUSE (888-363-2287).

