

**RESOLUTION NO. 17**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: DON'T BECOME A VICTIM**

One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.

Historically 85% of domestic violence victims are women and have been most often victimized by someone they knew.

Females who are 20-24 years of age are at the greatest risk of non-fatal intimate partner violence and most of these cases are never reported to the police.

According to statistics, one in six women has experienced an attempted or completed rape and nearly 7.8 million women have been raped by an intimate partner at some point in their lives.

One in twelve women has been stalked in their lifetime and 81% of women stalked by a current or former intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner.

Almost one-third of female homicide victims reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner.

In 70-80% of intimate partner homicides, no matter which partner was killed, the man physically abused the woman before the murder.

Intimate partner violence results in more than 18.5 million mental health care visits each year.

Victims of intimate partner violence lost almost 8 million days of paid work because of the violence perpetrated against them by current or former husbands, boyfriends and dates.

This loss is the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-time jobs and almost 5.6 million days of household productivity as a result of violence.

There are 16,800 homicides and 2.2 million medically treated injuries due to intimate partner violence annually, which costs an estimated \$37 billion.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in 2001 over 1,300 murders were committed by a spouse or intimate partner. These numbers equate to nearly four murders a day and these numbers have increased annually since that report.

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***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:***

The Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) recognizes that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and it is our responsibility on the national and local CLUW level to bring awareness of domestic violence as willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault and/or other abusive behavior perpetrated by an intimate partner against another, whether it be male on female, female on female, male on male, or female on male;

The Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) shall bring awareness to this epidemic affecting individuals in every community, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, political beliefs, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity or educational background. This behavior continues to have a strangle hold on women and girls specifically who need to be educated about the pattern of dominance and control and the mental, emotional, lethal, and often deadly consequences of domestic violence;

The Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) shall let it be known that if a person needs help, they can contact the **National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233; the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-4673 or the National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline at 1-866-331-9474, or seek help and advice through shelters and local law enforcement agencies in their own communities.**