



## **Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors** *Supervisor Sequanna Taylor, 2nd District*

Media Advisory for **11:00am Wednesday, October 12, 2016**

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### **Supervisor Sequanna Taylor to Call for Action on Domestic Violence**

*Will Announce Resolution Recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

MILWAUKEE – On Wednesday, October 12, Supervisor Sequanna Taylor will announce a resolution recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and will urge the community to take action to reduce domestic violence and intimate partner violence by getting involved in a new initiative called "Keep Us Safe."

Supervisor Sequanna Taylor will be joined by domestic violence survivors-advocates at the Milwaukee County Courthouse for the announcement. Speakers will include Cyrena Martin of Mahogany C.A.R.E.S.; Alice Belcher of Impact Coalition for Families; Shelly Janowski, a survivor-advocate; Captain Amy O'Brien of the MPD's Sensitive Crimes Unit; and Supervisor Steve Taylor.

Supervisor Sequanna Taylor's resolution also recognizes October 20, 2016 as National #Purple Thursday and encourages the community to wear the color purple on that day.

Nationwide, more than one in three women and one in four men have experienced rape, sexual violence, physical violence, psychological violence, and or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

In Wisconsin in 2015 domestic violence claimed the lives of 58 women, men, and children. According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, Children who witness domestic violence are and six times more likely to commit suicide.

The [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#) has declared October 16 – 22 a week of action to end domestic violence and intimate partner violence.

**WHO:** Supervisor Sequanna Taylor, Cyrena Martin of Mahogany C.A.R.E.S.; Alice Belcher of Impact Coalition for Families; Shelly Janowski, a survivor-advocate; Captain Amy O'Brien of the MPD's Sensitive Crimes Unit; and Supervisor Steve Taylor.

**WHAT:** Press conference to announce resolution recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the Keep Us Safe initiative.

**WHERE:** Room 201, Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee.

**WHEN:** 11:00AM – 11:30AM

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