



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC
COUNTY BOARD CHAIRWOMAN

Note to Editors: Two photos attached

Suggested Caption of BridesWalk1: (l to r) U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore, Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Peggy A. Romo West at the 7th Annual Bride's Walk in Milwaukee, September 8, 2012.

Suggested Caption for BridesWalk2: Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Peggy A. Romo West flank a photo display of Dayana Garcia Bados, who was killed in a domestic violence crime in Milwaukee this year.

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY CHAIRWOMAN REFLECTS ON 7TH ANNUAL BRIDE'S WALK

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic joined hundreds of people on Saturday, September 8 for the 7th Annual Bride's Walk Against Domestic Violence, which began at the UMOS Latina Resource Center at 802 W. Historic Mitchell Street in Milwaukee.

"While I was proud to participate, I walked with a heavy heart," said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. "I hope one day women no longer live with the terror of domestic violence, and I hope abusers get the help and justice they desperately need to end the cycle of abuse."

Chairwoman Dimitrijevic walked with Supervisor Peggy A. Romo West, District 12, who dedicated two walk teams to the memory of Milwaukee women, Dayana Garcia Bados and Maggie Litwicki. Both were killed in domestic violence crimes this year.

In 2004, Supervisor Romo West and U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore founded Bride's Walk as a fundraiser for the UMOS Latina Resource Center.

The walk is designed to pay tribute to women who are victims of domestic violence; to create unity to combat violence and oppression against women and girls; to disseminate bilingual information about domestic violence; to provide resources of services to victims and survivors; to inspire others to get involved; and to raise funds to support domestic violence programs like the UMOS Latina Resource Center.

On September 26, 1999, Gladys Ricart, a Latina, was brutally murdered in her wedding gown on her wedding day by an abusive former partner with whom she had a seven-year relationship. Every year, women around the world organize walks, dressed as brides, to remember Ricart and to raise awareness of domestic violence.

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