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## **SUPERVISOR ROMO WEST TAKES A STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITH THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BRIDE'S WALK**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy A. Romo West is inviting people throughout Milwaukee County to join her in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bride's Walk Against Domestic Violence on Saturday, September 8 at 11 a.m. at the UMOS Latina Resource Center at 802 W. Historic Mitchell Street in Milwaukee.

“By walking, we stand against domestic violence and remind people of its devastating effects on our children and families in Milwaukee County,” said Supervisor Romo West. “This abuse knows no boundaries in terms of race, culture or economics, and it happens in our most intimate relationships.”

Supervisor Romo West welcomes people to join her walk teams, which are dedicated to the memory of two 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.

People can join Supervisor Romo West's teams by emailing [peggy.romowest@milwcnty.com](mailto:peggy.romowest@milwcnty.com) and can find more information at [www.brideswalkmilwaukee.org](http://www.brideswalkmilwaukee.org).

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