

# October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Events to raise awareness of domestic violence and its impact on individuals, families, and communities take place throughout the year. During Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), victim advocates, allied professionals, survivors of abuse, their loved ones, and the surrounding community come together to mourn the lives lost to domestic violence, celebrate the progress that has been made to end this epidemic, and connect with others working to create change. This year's #1Thing DVAM Campaign is being funded by the Administration for Children and Families.<sup>1</sup> Think of #1Thing you can do to get involved, take action and make a difference for those affected by domestic violence. Access free tools and materials at <https://nrcdv.org/dvam>.

## #1Thing

Join federal partners in celebrating DVAM and together each of our #1Thing will add up to big change!

### 1st Monday of October



**National Call of Unity** – Join the call on 10/1 at 3PM ET and listen in with others advocating for the protection of victims and their children.

<http://ow.ly/yUlq30ltu2z>

### 1st Saturday of October



**National SAF-T Day: Sheltering Animals & Families Together** – Raise awareness of pet abuse and domestic violence.

<https://nrcdv.org/dvam/campaign-ideas>

### 2nd Wednesday of October



**National Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day**– Promote universal education of domestic violence with healthcare providers. Join a webinar on 10/10 at 1:30PM EST.

<https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/health/hcadvday>

### 3rd Thursday of October



#### Purple Thursday!

Wear purple on 10/18 to honor victims and support survivors of domestic violence. Purple symbolizes survival, courage, and peace.

**#PurpleThursday**

**Every day** – **Post, tweet, or share stories** of healing and resources for survivors from organizations that help. Use and follow the hashtags **#DVAM2018 #1Thing**.



### Throughout the Month

**Wear the purple ribbon** – there are many styles and variations. Purple symbolizes survivors who were hurt by physical and emotional abuse but still go on to thrive and live a life free of violence.

### Anytime

Tell a loved one, friend, or co-worker in need about the **National Domestic Violence Hotline**. Advocates answer the call, text, or chat 24/7. Call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or go online: [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org).

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