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Day of Remembrance for Victims of Domestic Violence Friday, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. – St. Paul City Hall-Courthouse

Please join the City of St. Paul, Ramsey County and domestic abuse advocates from across our community as we honor the memories of the Minnesota women and children who have died due to domestic violence. Ramsey County Board Chair Victoria Reinhardt will call for a moment of silence to honor their memories.

"This week's domestic homicide is a devastating reminder that even with all our time, efforts and successes in combating domestic violence, we must continue to focus on eradicating violence in the one place we all count on being safe in - our homes.", said St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman. "We are committed to working even harder and more collaboratively with our partners, to prevent these crimes, protect their victims, and prosecute their perpetrators."

Recognition also will be given to the many individuals and organizations who work with great dedication every day to prevent domestic violence, and ensure its victims receive the protection and services they deserve, including justice through effective prosecution.

"This event symbolizes St. Paul and Ramsey County government and community-based programs' commitment to ensuring all victims of domestic abuse have access to safety and that dangerous perpetrators are held accountable for their violent behaviors." said St. Paul Intervention Project Advocate Shelley Johnson Cline. "Each day we work in partnership to ensure no other child will ever lose their parent, and no parent will ever again lose a child due to domestic violence."

The Day of Remembrance will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 21, 2011, in the Memorial Hall of the St. Paul City Hall-Courthouse.

Speaking at the event will be St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, Ramsey County Board Chair Victoria Reinhardt, St. Paul Police Chief Tom Smith, Ramsey County Attorney John Choi, St. Paul City Attorney Sara Grewing and St. Paul Intervention Project Advocate Bree Adams Bill. Standing with them will be Ramsey County Sheriff Matt Bostrom, Ramsey County Community Corrections Director Carol Pender-Roberts and Chief Judge Kathleen R. Gearin.

Also attending the event will be Asian Women United, Breaking Free, Bridges to Safety, Casa de Esperanza, Children's Safety Center, the Minnesota Second Judicial District, OutFront Minnesota, Ramsey County, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Tubman, the City of St. Paul, St. Paul Intervention Project, Women's Advocates, Women of Nations, and Workforce Solutions.

The Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women's 2010 Clothesline Project will be displayed in Memorial Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Those seeking assistance can contact the St. Paul Intervention Project at 651-645-2824 or the (24 hour) Day One MN Domestic Violence Crisis Line at 1-866-223-1111.
