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RRHA MEDIA *Advisory*

RRHA ACKNOWLEDGES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Agency launches public awareness campaign highlighting VAWA protections and resources

RICHMOND, VA. — October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) is using the month to raise awareness about domestic violence and the protections available to people living in RRHA-assisted housing.

Throughout October, RRHA will highlight the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), its agency policies and procedures for addressing domestic violence-related claims, and resources available to individuals who may need help. VAWA provides important protections for individuals experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking and is an important component of fair housing protections.

WHO: RRHA public housing residents, Housing Choice Voucher holders and other members of the community who may benefit from information about domestic violence protections and available resources.

WHAT: RRHA is conducting a Domestic Violence Awareness Month public education campaign throughout October that will bring greater visibility to the issue by educating residents and voucher holders about VAWA protections and highlighting RRHA's procedures for reporting domestic violence-related claims.

WHEN: Throughout October 2026 — Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHY: RRHA is committed to maintaining a safe and secure living environment that is free from discrimination and harassment for its residents, applicants and voucher holders. The agency maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking and wants residents to know that they have options and resources when they need help.

RESOURCES: RRHA's VAWA information directs individuals seeking assistance to several local and national resources, including:

- YWCA of Richmond: (804) 643-6761
- Richmond Victims/Witness Services: (804) 646-7665
- Safe Harbor : (804) 249-9470
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Additional information about VAWA protections, reporting a VAWA claim and available resources is available through RRHA's website at rrha.com

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