Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence to now be: End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin

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Madison?Today, with state leaders, domestic violence victim advocates and survivors on hand, the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WCADV) announced its name will now be End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin.

?Our new name aligns our identity with our mission,? said Patti Seger, executive director of the organization. ?As Wisconsin?s voice for survivors and a membership organization comprised of advocates from across the state, working towards the end of domestic abuse in Wisconsin is the imperative that drives us.?

WCADV, now End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin, has a 35-year history of advancing the interests of domestic violence victims and survivors by supporting local services and shelters, changing laws and policies and engaging communities around the state to end domestic abuse.

?When the first domestic violence shelters and service providers were created in the late 1970?s, local advocates realized that they needed to act on the state level, said Seger. ?Since then, the Wisconsin Coalition Against Women Abuse, later WCADV, has been a catalyst for positive changes, such as the empowerment of survivors, expanded legal options for victims, the existence of victim services in all Wisconsin?s 72 counties and a focus on promoting healthy relationships and equality.?

Seger continued, ?The change to End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin in part signifies the reality that the next stage of progress on this issue requires the active commitment of the entire state. Domestic abuse is not the problem of victim advocates, social workers, police or judges. It is a social problem that is much bigger than any group or profession?we all must be part of the solution. Our new name is a call for all to be engaged.?

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