

News...

from State Representative Melissa Conyears-Ervin

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oct. 5, 2017

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

State Rep. Melissa Conyears-Ervin
773-417-1020

Rep@ConyearsErvin.com

Conyears-Ervin Speaking Up for Survivors of Domestic Violence during Awareness Month

CHICAGO – After supporting a budget that reverses Gov. Bruce Rauner’s extreme cuts to domestic violence shelters, state Rep. Melissa Conyears-Ervin, D-Chicago, is raising awareness about the frequency of domestic violence during the month of October.

“Domestic violence is a serious issue that many people do not think will ever happen to someone they know, but that’s exactly what makes it so dangerous,” said Conyears-Ervin. “By fully funding domestic violence shelters we can help survivors leave abusive relationships and recover from the trauma they have had to endure.”

Earlier this year, Conyears-Ervin helped pass a budget that not only funds domestic violence shelters, but also provides over \$100 million to assist survivors during their recovery, and train police officers about domestic violence.

According to the National Coalition against Domestic Violence, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men will experience some sort of physical violence by a romantic partner in their lifetime. During October’s Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Conyears-Ervin wants to educate people about how common abuse is. She is encouraging community members to report abuse by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) for anonymous, confidential help.

“We all need to be aware every day of our family, friends and colleagues that are experiencing domestic violence,” said Vickie Smith, executive director of the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence. “However, during October which is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness month, local communities take time to host a number of events that honor those that have died and celebrate those that have broken free of the bonds of domestic violence.”

###