

ONE BILLION RISING DAY

February 14, 2013

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 women worldwide will experience some form of violence in their lifetimes;

WHEREAS, experiencing violence affects every aspect of a woman's life, including her ability to maintain employment and housing, seek education and healthcare, and parent her children;

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence causes trauma to the children who bear witness, and increases their likelihood of becoming either a victim or perpetrator of violence; and

WHEREAS, it is important that both men and women speak out against a culture that both subtly and blatantly condones physical and sexual violence against women;

WHEREAS, the DC Commission for Women and National Council of Women's Organizations have endorsed the "One Billion Rising" campaign, which calls upon women and men across the globe to stand up and speak out to end violence against women, and together, will host a local campaign event entitled, "DC is Rising" on February 14, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim February 14, 2013 as "One Billion Rising Day" in Washington, DC, and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in opposing all forms of violence against women.