

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
Assembly Proclamation: AP-2025-10-01
**AN ASSEMBLY PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Short Title: Recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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Committee Endorsement: Campus Connection

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Presidential Signature:



Whereas, the West Virginia University (WVU) mission statement reads, "[we] commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity;"¹ and;

Whereas, The West Virginia University Student Government Association's (WVU SGA)

¹ [West Virginia University Mission Statement](#)

mission statement reads that "We, the students of West Virginia University, desire to preserve within our University...an atmosphere that helps to foster an open exchange of ideas with civil discussion, inquiry, and self-expression to help ensure that the personal freedoms and general welfare of the students within our University are protected;"² and;

Whereas, The WVU SGA's vision statement reads that we are "To be a Student Government Association that serves the students, West Virginia University, and the State of West Virginia by; promoting inclusion, creating a campus that can accommodate everyone,"³ and;

Whereas, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and,

Whereas, On September 23rd, 2025, The West Virginia University Police Department released the annual Clery Act Report, which included statistics for Domestic Violence and related offenses on campus, and;

Whereas, The Clery Act Report listed that in the past three years, there have been 77 domestic violence offenses, 1 dating violence incident, and 88 stalking offenses on the Morgantown Campus. There were 4 domestic violence offenses on the WVU Bridgeport Nursing School campus⁴, and;

Whereas, Nationally, dating violence "is a serious issue impacting approximately 20%–30% of college students in the United States"⁵

Therefore, be it proclaimed by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:

Section 1: The West Virginia University Student Government Association sees and supports each and every student, faculty, or staff member at WVU who has ever been a victim of domestic violence, and;

Section 2: The West Virginia University Student Government Association continues to

² [WVU SGA Mission Statement](#)

³ [WVU SGA Vision Statement](#)

⁴ [WVU UPD 2025 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report](#)

⁵ [NIH: The Effectiveness of College Dating Violence Prevention Programs: A Meta-Analysis](#)

recognize and support the Division of Campus Engagement and Compliance, the Women's Resource Center, the Carruth Center, the University Police Department, the Monongalia County Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center, and Campus and Community Life's Student Advocacy Center for the prevention and support work they do related to domestic violence on campus, and;

Section 3: The West Virginia University Student Government Association formally recognizes and observes October as National Domestic Violence Prevention Month.

Section 4: Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to the mandates listed below.

Mandates:

Carrie Showalter, Dean of Students
Gary Furbee, Vice President of Student Life
Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor)
University President Michael T. Benson
James Goins, Jr., Director of Compliance, Title IX Coordinator
Jeneice Shaw, Interim Director of the WVU Carruth Center
Leslie E. Tower, Director of WVU Women's Resource Center
Skylar Braithwaite, Interim Associate Director Campus and Community Life
Chief Sherry St. Clair, University Police Department
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