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## Senator O'Brien recognizes "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

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**ROCHESTER, N.Y.** – Today, Senator Ted O’Brien joined Alternatives for Battered Women, the Rochester and Monroe County Domestic Violence Consortium and other local elected officials in recognizing October as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month.”

“Domestic and dating violence is a scourge that must be confronted and eliminated,” Senator O’Brien said. “Throughout their lifetimes, domestic and dating violence will affect 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men, and many incidents continue to go unreported. We must continue to insist that such violence will not be tolerated in our community.”

“I was proud to support the Domestic and Dating Violence Housing Rights law during my time in the Monroe County Legislature, and in the State Senate, fight for

In recognizing October as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month,” Senator O’Brien called attention to the excellent work being done by local advocacy groups.

“Domestic and dating violence is not discriminatory, affecting people from all walks of life. We must make sure that people know that they are not alone, and we are here to support them through these difficult situations,” Senator O’Brien said. “I want to thank Alternatives for Battered Women, the Consortium, and all advocates who fight on behalf of victims.”

Alternatives for Battered Women operates a 24-hour hotline at (585) 232-7353 offering assistance to those experiencing domestic violence.

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Sen. O’Brien represents the 55th district in the Senate, which is made up of the eastern half of Monroe County and the western half of Ontario County, including much of the city of Rochester.

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