



Legislation Text

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To honor and congratulate The Africentric Personal Development Shop, Inc. (APDS) for there 31 years of service and dedication to Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention in the City of Columbus

WHEREAS, the month of October has been designated as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the “Day of Unity” held in October of 1981 and conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

WHEREAS, In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. The intent was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became an entire week devoted to a range of activities conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

WHEREAS, established in 1988, APDS is committed to have a positive impact on this critical and urgent societal problem. APDS is an innovative behavioral healthcare center, , that uses the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria guidelines and models of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) techniques for the prevention, treatment, and recovery from alcohol and other drugs use disorders.

WHEREAS, over the last 31 years, the driving force for APDS is making families healthier and safer. Thus APDS provides APDS Freedom from Abusive Relationships (AFAR), a culturally appropriate domestic violence intervention education program for men who batter. The 30 weeks education-based program serving 160 male batterers annually is in compliance with the Ohio Batterer Intervention Standards, Franklin County Municipal Court, and the local Batterer Intervention Program Coalition.

WHEREAS, APDS continues to follow its mission to provide innovative and appropriate treatment, social services, education and prevention programs to prevent, treat, and eliminate substance abuse and domestic violence.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby honor and congratulate The Africentric Personal Development Shop, Inc. (APDS) for there 31 years of service and dedication to Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention in the City of Columbus