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Dear Community Member,

On behalf of CONNECT to end violence, we would like to thank you if you have signed your name to the Massachusetts White Ribbon Day petitions in the past and invite you to join us again in 2016. The 9th Annual Massachusetts White Ribbon Day, a Men's Initiative Project of Jane Doe, Inc. and open to both men and women, will be observed on March 3, 2016. This is an opportunity for us to come together and challenge societal attitudes and beliefs which continue to enable violence against women in our Island community. We are asking you, as well as many of your influential peers, to sign our public petition which will be published in a major Martha's Vineyard news source in the week of March 3, 2016.

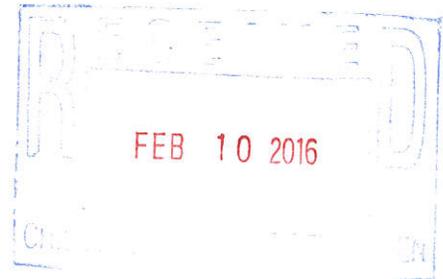
The Massachusetts White Ribbon Day Pledge is: ***"From this day forward, I promise to be part of the solution in ending violence against women."***

Currently, White Ribbon Day is observed in over 47 countries worldwide. To show your solidarity with the Massachusetts White Ribbon Day, we encourage you to participate in this event. For more information about the Massachusetts White Ribbon Day 2016 Campaign, call CONNECT to end violence at: 774-549-9667 or go online at <http://www.janedoe.org/whiteribbonday>.

Thank you for your continued support!

Best Regards,

Jennifer Neary
Program Director
CONNECT to end violence



The Massachusetts White Ribbon Day Pledge

“Please stand up and repeat after me the White Ribbon Day pledge...”

I WILL PROMOTE respect, dignity and equality.

I WILL SPEAK OUT against attitudes and behaviors that contribute to sexual assault and domestic violence.

I WILL REMIND myself and others that gender violence is a men’s issue that affects all of us, regardless of our backgrounds and identities.

I WILL CONFRONT sexism, homophobia, racism and other forms of oppression.

I WILL FIND OUT how to help when I suspect that someone I know is a victim or offender of sexual assault or domestic violence.

From this day forward, I promise to be part of the solution in ending violence against women.”

