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## BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL HOLD 5K RUN/WALK/ROLL TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Event Will Be Held on October 16, 2021; Registration Now Open

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that the Bronx District Attorney's Office, in partnership with the New York Yankees and State University of New York (SUNY), will hold a 5K Run/Walk/Roll to raise awareness and prevent domestic violence on October 16, 2021.

District Attorney Clark said, "As we start off Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I am excited to announce that this year's Bronx DA 5K Run/Walk/Roll will be held in person again, beginning and ending on East 161st Street and Grand Concourse, after the pandemic forced us to hold it virtually last year. In this event, we will honor the resilience of domestic violence survivors and hopefully raise awareness to prevent these incidents.

"Domestic Violence affects so many people through, physical, emotional, sexual and psychological abuse; and knows no race, gender or social status. My Domestic Violence Bureau prosecutes those who commit these crimes. We are currently prosecuting over 1,500 misdemeanor cases and 175 felony cases. Our Crime Victims Assistance Unit offers survivors therapy sessions and refers them to the Family Justice Center for services. We have initiatives such as the EVE (Early Victim Engagement) program, where advocates contact victims immediately after arraignments to keep them informed. This is the fourth year we are holding the 5K and I look forward to another day of showing solidarity with survivors."

Those wishing to participate in the 5K can register for <u>free online</u> to receive a race bib at the event. Participants are encouraged to wear purple—the color of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

If you are a victim of domestic violence you can call the Bronx District Attorney's Crime Victims Assistance Unit at (718) 590-2115.