



National Alliance to End Sexual Violence

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NAESV Celebrates the Appointment of Rosemarie Hidalgo as the new Director of the Office on Violence Against Women

Washington, D.C.--The National Alliance to End Violence Against Sexual Violence (NAESV) celebrates the confirmation of Rosemarie Hidalgo as the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) at the U. S. Department of Justice. This is the first time since 2010 that Congress has confirmed a Director for OVW. NAESV President and CEO Monika Johnson-Hostler commented:

“For the first time since 2010, Congress has confirmed a Director for the Office of Violence Against Women. Ms. Hidalgo is a nationally recognized leader with over 25 years of experience in legislative policy development and implementation, advocacy, grant and program management, and training. Most recently, she was instrumental in the creation of the first National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence. Her numerous contributions to the movement to end sexual assault, domestic and sexual violence, stalking and dating violence have significantly improved services to survivors and the advocates that serve them. Ms. Hidalgo also strives to work in a bipartisan manner and is experienced in developing broad-based coalitions, nationally and globally, across sectors to advance policy advocacy and develop innovative strategies and programming. Ms. Hidalgo is the strong, qualified, and talented leader that the field needs at the helm of OVW, and NAESV is looking forward to our continued work with her.”

Background:

OVW plays a key role in our nation’s response to sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. The essential grant programs provided by this office supports the vital work done in communities across the country to address and prevent gender-based violence. Additionally,

OVW provides essential leadership across the federal government and beyond to prioritize addressing and ending these horrific crimes.

The National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence provides a more comprehensive, whole-of-government approach to prevent and address gender-based violence with an intersectional lens and a more coordinated approach across sectors. It also establishes national standards and calls for collaboration between civil society, survivors, service responders, and all levels of government, putting survivors' knowledge, experiences, and needs at the center of solutions and services.

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The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence is the voice in Washington for the 56 state and territorial sexual assault coalitions and 1500 rape crisis centers working to end sexual violence and support survivors.