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SALINA - Congressman Jerry Moran this month will highlight October as National Domestic Violence Awareness month by visiting shelters and programs in Kansas. Moran is using this month to bring awareness to this ongoing issue and to commend those who work every day to help victims of domestic violence, especially those who work in the nine service areas of the First District - Dodge City, Emporia, Garden City, Great Bend, Hays, Hutchinson, Liberal, Salina and Ulysses.

"Though we have made great strides in bringing attention to the tragedy of domestic violence, more than four million Americans continue to find themselves victims of physical, psychological and sexual abuse," Moran said. "Domestic violence and sexual assault cross every line of ethnicity, geography and income. Abuse occurs in every single community in our country and it must be fought in every community."

Most domestic violence centers rely primarily on grants and local donations. Federal grants made under the Violence Against Women Act provided essential funds for shelter operations and support services. This program has been credited with substantially reducing the levels of violence committed against women and children.

"We must continue to ensure that our shelters and crisis centers receive the necessary support," Moran said. "During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we are reminded that domestic violence and sexual assault are issues that must be addressed all year long. We must work to end these terrible crimes."

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