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Honoring 30 Leaders in the New York State Domestic Violence Movement

(Albany, NY) – The New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NYSCADV) released the names of the following honorees as 30 leaders in the domestic violence movement in the last 30 years: Ms. Karla Digirolamo, chief operating officer for Unity House (Rensselaer County); Ms. Julie Domonkos, former executive director of My Sister’s Place (Westchester County); Ms. Patricia Eng, senior program officer of the Ms. Foundation (New York County); Ms. Carolyn Fish, executive director of Rockland Family Shelter (Rockland County); Ms. Phyllis B. Frank, executive director of VCS Community Change Project (Rockland County); Ms. Lucy Friedman, executive director of The After School Corporation (New York County); Ms. Sherry Frohman, program coordinator for the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute (Albany County); Ms. Rose Garrity, executive director of A New Hope Center (Tioga County); Ms. Lisa Gordon, acting bureau director with the New York State Office of Family and Children Services; Mr. Patrick Halpin, executive vice president for external affairs at the Institute for Student Achievement; Ms. Mo Hannah, professor at Sienna College (Albany County); Mr. Steve Hogan, deputy counsel for the New York State Police Department; Mr. Charles Hynes, district attorney (Brooklyn County); Mr. David Jolly, commissioner of social services for Orange County (Orange County); Ms. Dorchen Leidholdt, director of the Center for Battered Women’s Legal Services (New York County); Ms. Sharwline Nicholson, domestic violence survivor and advocate; Hon. Amy Paulin, New York State Assemblymember (Westchester County); Ms. Jeanine Pirro, former district attorney (Westchester County); Ms. Beth Richie, associate dean of the University of Chicago (Chicago, IL); Ms. Elsa Rios, principal of Community Impact Consulting (New York County); Ms. Elizabeth Schneider, professor at Brooklyn Law School (Kings County); Ms. Suzanne Tomkins, professor at University of Buffalo Law (Erie County); Ms. Bonnie Wagner former executive director of NYSCADV (Orange County), Ms. K.C. Wagner director of workplace issues for Cornell University ILR School (New York County), Ms. Sujata Warriar, program director at the New York State Office for the

Prevention of Domestic Violence (New York County); Hon. Helene Weinstein, New York State Assemblymember (Kings County); Ms. Gwen Wright, director of human services and prevention for the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence; Ms. Joan Zorza, editor of the Domestic Violence Report (Washington DC); Verizon Wireless, and the Allstate Foundation.

Jessica F. Vasquez, executive director of NYSCADV said, “It is our privilege to honor these leaders who have been catalysts for creating social change in New York and have each served a role in improving New York’s response to survivors of domestic violence.”

This list comprises those whom the coalition recognizes as catalysts for change in the domestic violence movement since the coalition’s inception in 1978. The honorees will be invited to accept their awards at the *30 Leaders, 30 Years* awards ceremony, a part of the NYSCADV’s 30th Anniversary Conference, *A Mosaic of Movements: An Assembly of Human Rights*, on April 29th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Michelle Paige Paterson, First Lady of New York, will be the honorary guest and speaker for the evening. More information regarding the three-day conference is available on NYSCADV’s website, www.nyscadv.org

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About the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

The New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (the coalition) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt social change organization representing domestic violence programs and shelters throughout New York. The coalition is dedicated to creating a social, political, and economic environment in which violence against women no longer exists. The coalition accomplishes these goals through capacity building for member programs, public education, training, and technical assistance to maintain and develop the professional expertise of advocates. For more information about the coalition, visit www.nyscadv.org