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## **NCEDSV ISSUES STATEMENT ON VIOLENCE IN CHARLOTTESVILLE**

*Racism and Oppression Fuel All Forms of Violence and We Must Unite our Voices*

**Reno, NV:** The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) grieves the violence committed against those protesting inexcusable and racially motivated hatred in Charlottesville and offers the sincerest condolences to the family of Heather Heyer. Sue Meuschke, Executive Director commented:

"I am still struggling to comprehend that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we are having to condemn white supremacist violence against our brothers and sisters. This violence cannot be tolerated and must be named. We stand in solidarity, not only with those in Virginia who are trying to unite against such unspeakable actions, but for our nation, which is experiencing a revival of racial and gender based violence that continues to escalate.

Our mission at NCEDSV is to be a statewide voice advocating for the prevention and elimination of domestic and sexual violence through partnering with communities. We cannot achieve our mission when vast groups in our communities are facing oppression and fear. Every socioeconomic group and race experiences domestic and sexual violence. Violence does not discriminate, but it does flourish in the margins. As long as racism and oppression are tolerated and communities are divided by hate, we will not succeed in our mission. This is why we not only stand with Virginia, but we extend a call of action to all Nevadans to vocally fight the acts of violence in Charlottesville and unite our voices for change. To those grieving, please know that you are not alone".

### **About NCEDSV**

The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (previously The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence), provides statewide advocacy, education and support of the front-line organizations that help those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault. We support Nevada's direct-service organizations that help serve victims and their families. We support our member organizations by providing resources, assisting them in finding financial resources to maintain their operations, and providing educational opportunities for their staff, board members, and volunteers, ensuring they have access to best practices. Our purpose is to advocate for change, educate our communities, and support organizations. Help for victims of domestic and sexual violence is available on our web site at: [www.ncedsv.org](http://www.ncedsv.org)

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