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# Commission on Disabilities

**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

**FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: DISCUSS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH THROUGH A PLAY TITLED SILENT TEARS**

**ISSUE:**

Discuss Domestic Violence Awareness Month through a play titled Silent Tears.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commission review and discuss information about the Domestic Violence Awareness play and receive this report.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Commission on Disabilities' (COD) mission requires they identify the needs of persons with disabilities and create a public awareness of these needs in the areas of employment, housing, transportation, media, physical and communication accessibility and other areas.

**DISCUSSION:**

Anyone can be affected by domestic violence and abuse, but people with disabilities are more likely to experience abuse than people without disabilities. NAACP and COD are partnering on a play to create public awareness about domestic violence and people with disabilities.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Approved by: Marianna Marysheva, Assistant City Manager

**Attachments:**

1. Announcement about Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Silent Tears and related information.
2. Purple Hand Pledge