

## McCollum: Violence against women unacceptable

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**Washington, DC** – Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN), in recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, today said, "Violence in all forms – emotional, physical, and financial – is a real fear for women of all ages, races, sexualities, and nationalities. It is unacceptable that one in three women worldwide will be the victim of violence in their lifetime. I am proud of my efforts in Congress to keep women safe, but we must do more. I will continue to fight for the rights and safety of all women in the fourth district, in Minnesota, and around the world."

Congresswoman McCollum was a supporter of the *Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act*. She championed language included in the law to require the Administration to develop comprehensive strategy to address child marriage globally and ensure additional protections for Native American women. She also introduced legislation (H.Res. 213) calling for the creation of a Special Committee on Sexual Assault and Abuse in the Armed Forces to protect the women serving our country in the armed forces.



*Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations Committee. She is Democratic Co-Chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus.*