



Office of the District Attorney
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Assistant District Attorney Named Professional of the Year

On Friday, September 25, 2009 a Proclamation was held declaring the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The month is recognized nationwide as a time of reflection and awareness. Survivors and advocates gathered together at the County Courthouse to remember those innocent victims who lost their lives due to domestic violence. They also pledged their continued commitment to ending domestic violence through education, implementation of tough laws and accountability for those responsible for inflicting pain and suffering upon another.

During the proclamation, the Domestic Violence Coalition honored Melinda Vidaurri Galvan with the Professional of the Year award. Galvan serves as Chief Prosecutor for the Domestic Violence Unit under the administration of District Attorney Isidro R. Alaniz.

The District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit prosecutes both felony and misdemeanor domestic violence cases including assaults, terroristic threats, interfering with emergency calls, violations of protective orders and aggravated assaults (including those causing serious bodily injury and involving deadly weapons). The Unit also represents victims and accompanies them to all protective order settings and hearings. They provide training and updates to law enforcement agencies, schools and service providers as well.