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Summary:

(September 22, 2005)-The City of Morris, in conjunction with Some Place Safe, the Women's Resource Center, and the University of Minnesota, Morris will celebrate the observance of Take Back the Night on Thursday, Sept. 29. A community march to protest violence against women will begin at 6 p.m.. Those interested in participating should meet at East Side Park located on East 7th Street in Morris.

UMM students will meet on the campus mall and walk to East Side Park to join others who will participate. Following the walk, the march will continue to the UMM campus where a speak out will be held. Families and friends are encouraged to attend. There will be balloons and mini flashlights for the kids.

Take Back the Night began in England in the 1970s to protest the fear that many women felt when they walked alone at night. The idea spread to the U.S. and the first American march was held in San Francisco in 1978. Since then, many colleges and towns across the nation have begun hosting marches and rallies of their own. What began as a protest of violence against women has now spread to encompass all forms of violence against all people: men, women, and children.

Those who wish to show support for victims of violence, and help spread awareness of the importance of safe and healthy relationships, families and communities are encouraged to join the march on September 29. The event will be held rain or shine.

For more information about the march or Take Back the Night contact Ashley Ericson or Jessica Glaza at 320-589-3825.

This project is part of Adapting to Change: Managing Urbanization in Rural America, a partnership for community revitalization between the city of Morris, and the University of Minnesota, Morris. The partnership focuses on three priority areas: housing, economic development, and community organization and neighborhood revitalization and is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program.

For more information about the grant and the COPC - Adapting to Change partnership activities, contact the UMM's Center for Small Towns at (320) 589-6451, or visit: www.centerforsmalltowns.org

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