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RE: Support for SCR14 SD1

Please support SCR14 SD1 that asks to establish a White Ribbon campaign to call an end to men's use violence against women.

Our society and culture has held up an ugly picture of what it's like to "be a man" for too long: taking charge, encouraging promiscuity, laughing at and/or making fun of any male who displays any "feminine qualities", using violence to get his way, winning at all costs, having the most money, having the most "toys" and commanding respect through a reputation of being tough or being feared by others. It's bad enough that our boys and young men buy into this warped picture, but sad to say, our girls and young women do too.

If we want this picture to change, we have to do what Ghandi told us to do: BE THE CHANGE. Promoting a White Ribbon campaign to encourage our boys and men to take a stand against the use of violence against women is one way to start that change. I say let's do it!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Most respectfully,

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