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19th Annual Silent Witness Ceremony Honored 2015 Victims of Fatal Domestic Violence

(COLUMBIA, SC) – [South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson](#) led the 19th annual Silent Witness ceremony today on the south steps of the State House in Columbia.

During the solemn ceremony, Attorney General Wilson called the names of 35 women and 12 men from across the state who lost their lives as the result of domestic violence in 2015.

Victims' family members, friends and volunteers carried life-sized silhouettes representing the victims to the steps as a bell was rung for each victim. An additional 48th silhouette represented the unknown victims.

“Each year, reading the names aloud of South Carolinians who died as a result of domestic violence is the toughest part of my job, and it never gets easier,” said Attorney General Wilson. “While we have made significant progress in this journey, our work will not be finished until we no longer need to host a Silent Witness Ceremony. We are all soldiers in the battle to end domestic violence, and together we can make South Carolina a safer place to live, work and to raise a family.”

Domestic violence survivors, officials and victims' advocates made special remarks to highlight the problem and praise the progress our state has made in this journey.

A statistical breakdown for each county is available [here](#).

View the 2016 Silent Witness Story [here](#).

For more information on the Silent Witness program, visit www.scag.gov.

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