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The Jennifer A. Lynch Committee Against Domestic Violence will hold a Vigil Against Domestic Violence on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, in memory of Brookline resident Jennifer Lynch and all victims of domestic violence. The vigil, set for 5:30pm, will be held at the Garden of Remembrance, Harvard and Pierce Streets, directly behind the Brookline Department of Public Health, 11 Pierce Street, Brookline. The rain date is October 22.

Jennifer Lynch was a 4th generation Brookline native and former town employee whose life was tragically ended in 2006 by a brutal act of domestic violence. Her mother, Pat Norling, a long-time Brookline employee started the Committee against Domestic Violence following Jennifer's death. "Domestic violence impacts everyone in the community and it's important that we continue to educate and provide assistance whenever possible", said Swannie Jett, DrPH, Brookline Health Commissioner.

Each year October is recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness month in the United States. The local vigil is part of events nationwide to bring attention to the serious problem of domestic violence. According to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, "On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the US....and one in 4 women have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner, while 1 in 7 men has experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner." Brookline town employees, residents and the community are invited to attend the vigil. For more information, please call 617-730-2300.

The Brookline Public Health and Human Services' mission is to preserve, protect & promote the physical, mental, and environmental health of the Brookline Community. We collaborate with partners to reduce health inequities and respond to emerging public health challenges. For additional information, contact Brookline Department of Public Health on 617-730-2300. Also, please join our Twitter discussion: @BrooklineHealth, Facebook: Brookline Department of Public Health, or Instagram: Brooklinehealth.