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Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript: Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic, Secretary to the Governor Melissa Derosa Announces Domestic Violence Hotline

State Domestic Violence Hotline Can Be Reached at 1-800-942-6906

Melissa DeRosa: "Women should know that they don't have to stay in those situations. We will help them relocate. We will help them find safe shelter."

Earlier today at a briefing on New York's COVID-19 response, Secretary to the Governor Melissa DeRosa announced that State Police will respond to all calls to New York's domestic violence hotline.

VIDEO of the remarks is available on YouTube here and in TV quality (h.264, mp4) format here.

AUDIO of the remarks is available here.

PHOTOS are available on the Governor's Flickr page.

A rush transcript of the Governor's remarks is available below:

The State has a 1-800 number. It is 1-800-942-6906. That is our domestic violence hotline. Women should know that they don't have to stay in those situations. We will help them relocate. We will help them find safe shelter. And if there is an issue where you are in immediate harm, call 911 immediately. I spoke to the State Police this morning. There is a

reported uptick, as you said, some reports as high as 15 to 20 percent. It's unacceptable on any day and I want people to know that in every single case that is reported, the State Police is going to investigate fully and bring the full bear of the law behind it.

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