BCDP Resolution- Pledge to do more to reduce violence and provide services to protect Domestic Violence victims

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WHEREAS Ashley Meade was a young Boulder mother who until February 12 of this year was the 25-year-old mother of her baby daughter Winter.

WHEREAS, according to police reports, Ashley was murdered by her former boyfriend and subsequently dismembered with her mutilated body parts scattered around the country.

WHEREAS, Winter’s mother is now dead and her father is in jail accused of the brutal murder, it is time for us as a community to use this tragedy as an opportunity to confront the ever-present epidemic of domestic violence. WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is a real and imminent threat to the lives of women in children that remains an epidemic that cuts across racial and economic lines in Boulder County.

WHEREAS we as individuals are against all forms of interpersonal violence but find that our party platform is currently silent on this problem.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Boulder County Democratic Party calls upon all members of our community to pledge to do more to reduce violence and provide services to protect Domestic Violence victims.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon our Platform team to include this topic among our priority issues in considering and drafting our next BCDP Platform.