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**STATEMENTS FROM MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO AND COMMISSIONER OF
OFFICE TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ROSEMONDE PIERRE-LOUIS**

Statement from Mayor Bill de Blasio:

“Rose Pierre-Louis is a tireless advocate for victims and survivors of domestic violence. She has served an essential role in ensuring thousands of New Yorkers seek and stay on a path to safety and stability, in order to pursue a better life for themselves and their children. We are pleased to announce today that Rose will take on a new role within the administration as a senior adviser on gender equity. In this position, she will utilize her expertise to help our senior team formulate strategies and develop a citywide blueprint for the Commission, which is focused on issues of pay equity, prevention of sexual assault, ensuring access to housing for victims of abuse and standing up for reproductive health, among others. In her stead, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Cecile Noel to Commissioner of the Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence. In this role, Cecile will utilize her decades of experience at the Human Resources Administration, where she worked with victims of domestic violence and their children and spearheaded an unprecedented expansion of shelter capacity for victims of domestic violence. I am confident that with Cecile’s experience and commitment, New York’s victims and survivors of intimate partner violence, sex trafficking and elder abuse will continue to be well served by the Office to Combat Domestic Violence.”

Statement from Commissioner Rosemonde Pierre-Louis, Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence:

“I am proud of the work my team and I have accomplished over the last 22 months serving New Yorkers in all five boroughs who have suffered harassment, intimidation and violence at the hands of their abusers. The Office to Combat Domestic Violence will continue to serve New Yorkers in all five boroughs and deliver one simple message: don’t lose hope, help is available. I will never give up this fight and in my new role as senior advisor on gender equity, I will bring my experience and insight to develop key strategies aimed at lifting up women and girls all across the city.”

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