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**ACTRESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST ASHLEY JUDD ENDORSES
"THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REGISTRY"**

Gary, IN (July 28, 2011) -- The National Domestic Violence Registry (NDVR), a non-profit organization that maintains an online database with conviction records of domestic violence offenders, announced today the endorsement of actress and human rights activist, Ashley Judd.

Founded in 2007, The National Domestic Violence Registry is the first online database model program of convicted domestic violence abusers that was made available to the public. It was patterned after The National Sex Offenders Registry and contains conviction records of offenders who have been found guilty of domestic abuse, stalking, criminal confinement, intimidation, strangulation, and domestic battery. Use of the online database is free.

"Americans need The National Domestic Violence Registry to significantly expand the existing Internet resources," said Judd. "By providing a tool that will allow the general public to see if they're dating someone who had a history of predatory, abusive and/or harrassive behaviors, individuals will be able to make more informed and smart decisions about with whom they are entering into a relationship."

With Judd's support, NDVR will continue their global effort to bring awareness and aid to the prevention of domestic and family violence.

"We are extremely honored to receive support from Ashley Judd," said Myra Spearman, Founder and Executive Director of NDVR. "We know that her endorsement will lead to more awareness and will help us combat further domestic violence-related crimes."

Spearman launched the online database in 2007 after she had endured 18 years of abuse with four additional years being relentlessly stalked by her ex-husband. Her experience drove her to want to help others break the chain of abuse and reduce the number of incidents.

NDVR Deputy Director Lyn Twyman said, "Ashley Judd has been such an inspiration to me with her incredible determination and strength as a worldwide leader for human rights. We are thrilled to receive an endorsement from her."

To read Judd's full endorsement, visit www.domesticviolencedatabase.org/ashleyjudd.asp.

For further information about NDVR, please visit: www.domesticviolencedatabase.org.

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