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Public to be 'United Against Violence' for Take Back the Night

The 34th annual "Take Back the Night" observance at Fresno State from 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, advocates for an end to victim-blaming and holding abusers accountable under this year's theme, "United Against Violence."

The Fresno [Raging Grannies](#) from the [Women's International League for Peace and Freedom](#) will perform again this year at the free, public event presented by Fresno State's [Women's Alliance](#) and Women's Resource Center as a Domestic Violence Awareness Month observance at the Free Speech Area Platform.

Created in 1987 in Canada with chapters in Canada and the U.S., the local WILPF group will perform new material featuring songs of social justice.



They will perform after opening remarks by Mary Castro, wife of Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro, at 6 p.m.

A candlelight vigil and march through campus begins about 7:15 p.m. and the event concludes with an open mic opportunity about 7:45 p.m.

Take Back the Night is an international movement designed to raise awareness of domestic, sexual and other forms of violence. Fresno State hosted its first Take Back the Night on campus in 1979.

"This event is for all who wish to join us as we work toward a violence-free world," said Jenny Whyte, coordinator of the Women's Resource Center. "It has helped educate the campus and community about violence and has supported survivors in their healing process."

For more information, call Whyte or Senam Bansah of the Women's Alliance at [559.278.4435](tel:559.278.4435) or visit [Womens Resouce Center](#).

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