

PROCLAMATION

**DECLARING OCTOBER 2013 AS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN MARYSVILLE**

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender and income levels; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects more than 4 million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

NOW, THEREFORE I, JON NEHRING, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Marysville

I urge all citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Under my hand and seal this September 23, 2013.

THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

MAYOR