



PROCLAMATION

Declaring October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Marysville

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects more than 4 million Americans each year, and nearly three out of four Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects millions, both women and men, of every race, religion, culture, status and income level; and

WHEREAS, as victims suffer at the hands of a spouse or partner, it affects their children, families, and entire communities; and

WHEREAS, children who 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, Domestic Violence Services, a non-profit organization serving Snohomish County since 1976, provides emergency shelter and comprehensive, confidential services to all victims of domestic abuse, and is available 24/7 by calling 425-25-ABUSE;

NOW, THEREFORE I, JON NEHRING, MAYOR, on behalf of the City Council and our community, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Marysville. I encourage all residents to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for people and organizations who provide advocacy, services and assistance to victims and work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Under my hand and seal this fifth day of October, 2020.

THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Jon Nehring, Mayor