



PROCLAMATION

Declaring October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Marysville

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects more than 4 million Americans each year, both women and men, of every race, religion, culture, status and income level; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one in three women and one in four men have experienced some form of physical violence from an intimate partner; 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, about 28% of women in Washington state face stalking victimization in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Marysville Police respond to an average of 85 domestic violence calls per month, and the number of local domestic violence cases in 2021 to date is 11% higher than it was last year; 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; and

WHEREAS, local community service agencies, volunteer organizations and churches are joining DVS Snohomish County and the City of Marysville, Police Department and Fire District to help educate our community and let victims and families know that we care.

NOW, THEREFORE I, JON NEHRING, MAYOR, on behalf of the City Council and our community, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Marysville. I encourage all residents to help #BreakTheSilence and to learn more about domestic violence and resources available for victims and families.

Under my hand and seal this fourth day of October, 2021.

THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Jon Nehring, Mayor