



PROCLAMATION

Declaring October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Marysville

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects more than 4 million Americans each year, including 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 81 domestic violence calls per month, and the number of local domestic violence cases in 2022 to date is 16% 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, the City of Marysville and local community service agencies, volunteer organizations and churches are joining DVS Snohomish County to help heighten community awareness about this important issue and let victims and families know that we care; and

WHEREAS, community members are invited to join a city-hosted Domestic Violence Awareness Walk at 11 a.m. on Oct. 6 at Ebey Waterfront Park, and to wear purple shirts on Thursdays in October to #PaintTheTownPurple.

NOW, THEREFORE I, JON NEHRING, MAYOR, on behalf of the City Council and our community, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Marysville. I encourage all residents to join our effort to #BreakTheSilence to learn more about domestic violence and to support programs and resources for victims and families.

Under my hand and seal this twenty-sixth day of September, 2022.

THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Jon Nehring, Mayor