



# Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2024

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another; and

WHEREAS, every 9 seconds, a woman in the U.S. is beaten or assaulted by a current or ex-significant other, and 1 in 4 men are victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, women are 70 times more likely to be killed in the weeks after leaving their abusive partner, and almost 5 percent of male homicide victims are killed each year by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, on a typical day, there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Mukilteo Police Officers make more arrests for domestic violence each year than they do for DUI, with much less attention to the issue; in Washington State in 2020 offenses made up 49.7% of all Crimes Against Persons.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Joe Marine, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim October 2024 as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and ask all Mukilteans to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes in finding the help and healing they need.



Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2024

*Joe Marine*  
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Mayor