

Proclamation Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

National Infertility Awareness Week in Mukilteo April 18-24, 2021

WHEREAS, According to the CDC, 1 in 8 couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization and American Medical Association define infertility as a disease; and

WHEREAS, Infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic level; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ community also faces challenges when building their families; and

WHEREAS, All people challenged in their family building journey should have access to all family building options; and

WHEREAS, Family building options include adoption and medical treatment, such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and

WHEREAS, Cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many in our city to access the family building option they need; and

WHEREAS, Raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community is the first step to removing these barriers; and

WHEREAS, Mukilteo joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, other organizations, and dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family building community by participating in this promotion;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Jennifer Gregerson Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2021 National Infertility Awareness Week in Mukilteo.

Signed this 14th Day of April, 2021

Jennifer Gregerson

Mayor