



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH October 2020

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 2019 offenses made up 47.2% of all Crimes Against Persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Jennifer Gregerson, Mayor of Mukilteo, proclaim *October 2020 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 8th Day of October, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Gregerson".

Jennifer Gregerson
Mayor