



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES DAY **March 24, 2018**

WHEREAS, the scourge of gun violence in our schools and communities is increasing in frequency and barbarity and too many innocents are losing their lives;

WHEREAS, Mukilteo families have lost loved ones to gun violence, including deaths by suicide; and

WHEREAS, 96 Americans are killed every day by gun violence, leaving behind countless survivors whose lives are forever altered while other nations have swiftly dealt with this problem rationally and proactively and have dramatically reduced their mass shootings; and

WHEREAS, students and adults in our schools are inhumanely forced to wait daily and wonder when and where the next mass shooting will take place; and

WHEREAS, no parent should have to fear for their child's life when they leave the house to attend school each morning nor teachers be saddled with the additional burden of sacrificing their own lives; and

WHEREAS; I commend these students who have decided to take an active role in seeking to change the hearts and minds of our lawmakers to ensure they can maintain safe passage through their schools while navigating adolescence, enriching their minds, and gaining a greater perspective of the world in which they live; and

WHEREAS, our community deserves the highest quality of mental health care, but to deny that the true cause of this carnage is the easy access and availability of weapons of war is false reasoning;

WHEREAS, Protecting public safety in communities where they serve is a Mayor's greatest responsibility; and

WHEREAS; March 24th, 2018 is a day for unity, recognition, and listening to the youth of our country as they plead for safe schools.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that this 24th day of March, 2018, is hereby proclaimed as *March For Our Lives* day, and ask all citizens of Mukilteo, in Snohomish County, to recognize this observance.



Signed this 21st Day of March, 2018.

Jennifer Gregerson

Mayor