



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

NEVER AGAIN MUKILTEO DAY **March 31, 2018**

WHEREAS, the experience of losing three beautiful people and seriously injuring another on July 30, 2016 impacted so many by the horror of gun violence in our city;

WHEREAS, our amazing Mukilteo Police Officers and firefighters did their work with professionalism, dedication and speed which saved many lives that terrible and sad night;

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 31st, 2018 is a day for unity, recognition, and listening to the youth of our country as they plead for the end of so much gun violence.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that this 31st day of March, 2018, is hereby proclaimed as *Never Again Mukilteo* day, and ask all citizens of Mukilteo to recognize this observance.

Signed this 21st Day of March, 2018

Jennifer Gregerson
Mayor

