



# City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, each year, in October, advocates, survivors, and supporters recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

More prevalent than most realize, one in four women and one in seven men will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes. Anyone, regardless of gender, race, sexual identity or orientation, or socio-economic status, can be a victim of domestic violence. The 2023 campaign theme, #Every1KnowsSome1, highlights how common domestic violence is and that it is more than physical violence.

More than 20,000 calls are placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide each day, and the impact of domestic violence is felt not only by individuals and families, but by communities and the nation as a whole.

The City's Youth and Family Services department provides services to help mitigate the devastating impact of domestic violence on survivors, children, families, and the community. Education, prevention, and intervention efforts are imperative to not only protect victims, but also to increase public awareness of the severity and extent of domestic violence.

Mercer Island joins with others across the state of Washington and nationwide in supporting domestic violence victims and survivors, and the advocates and organizations that serve them.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

and call upon the people of Mercer Island to speak out against domestic violence and support efforts to prevent and end domestic abuse.

**APPROVED**, this 3rd day of October 2023



**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND  
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES**

Mayor Salim Nice

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