



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6349
October 5, 2023
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6349: Domestic Violence Action Month, Proclamation No. 318	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Proclaim October 2023 as Domestic Violence Action Month on Mercer Island.	

DEPARTMENT:	Youth and Family Services
STAFF:	Mayor Salim Nice Derek Franklin, YFS Administrator
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 318
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to proclaim October 2023 as Domestic Violence Action Month on Mercer Island (Exhibit 1).

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Each October, Domestic Violence Action Month is recognized nationally and highlights the importance of preventing domestic violence through awareness, direct action, and support for survivors.

More prevalent than most realize, one in four women and one in seven men will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes. Domestic violence is defined as the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, or other abusive behavior as part of a systemic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It can include physical violence, sexual violence, threats, economic and emotional/psychological abuse. On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. On a typical day, more than 20,000 phone calls are placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide.

Mercer Island is not immune to the epidemic of domestic violence, and the impact it has on individuals, families, and communities. The City’s Youth and Family Services department provides counseling, assessment, and referral for those experiencing domestic violence and for survivors. Regional partner Lifewire is an

additional resource available to Mercer Island residents for victim advocacy, safety planning, and 24-hour crisis response.

Anyone concerned about one's own relationship or experiencing abuse at home, free and confidential help is available at Lifewire's 24-Hour Helpline at 425-746-1940 or 1-800-827-8840. Mercer Island residents impacted by domestic violence can also contact the Youth and Family Services confidential Intake Line at 206-275-7657 for assistance.

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