



The City of Mercer Island, Washington

Proclamation

2021 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, all Mercer Islander community members deserve to be safe in their homes and communities.

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects one in three women and one in seven men nationally during their lifetime. Domestic violence is widespread and has a devastating impact on survivors, children, families, and our community. Domestic violence does not discriminate and crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers.

WHEREAS, the City of Mercer Island's Department of Youth and Family Services 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.

WHEREAS, this October, let us honor **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH** by renewing our commitment to end domestic violence and its brutal and destructive effects on Mercer Island and in every city, every town, and every corner of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Benson Wong, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2021 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH

in Mercer Island. I urge all residents to speak out against domestic violence and support efforts to prevent and end domestic abuse. We must work together to increase public awareness of, and action on this issue. We must work with young people to stop violence before it starts. Only then will we be able to truly put an end to this epidemic.

APPROVED, this 5th day of October 2021.

Benson Wong, Mayor

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