



## BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

**AB 6784**  
**October 7, 2025**  
**Consent Agenda**

### AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6784: Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Proclamation No. 372	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Approve Proclamation No. 372 Proclaiming October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month on Mercer Island.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Youth and Family Services
<b>STAFF:</b>	Mayor Salim Nice Derek Franklin, YFS Administrator
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Proclamation No. 372
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to proclaim October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month on Mercer Island (Exhibit 1).

### BACKGROUND

Each October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is recognized nationally and highlights the importance of preventing domestic violence through awareness, direct action, and support for survivors. The theme for the 2025 Domestic Violence Awareness Month is “With Survivors, Always” to emphasize a solidarity with survivors and to support a culture of security where survivors are heard, believed, and empowered.

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 overt physical or sexual violence and threats as well as covert economic/ emotional/ psychological abuse and patterns of excessively controlling behavior.

More prevalent than often perceived in the United States, severe, physical domestic violence will be experienced by 24.3% of women and 13.8% of men in their lifetimes. Every minute in the United States, 24

people experience intimate partner violence. In King County in 2024, eight homicides were attributed to domestic violence.

## **ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

Mercer Island is not immune to the epidemic of domestic violence, and the impact it has on individuals, families, and the community. Vulnerable populations can be at elevated risk for domestic violence, including youth, seniors, immigrants, people with disabilities, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Proclaiming October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month can help raise awareness, decrease stigma about getting help, and sends a message of support to survivors.

Anyone concerned about intimate partner violence, abuse, or relationship safety can access free and confidential help at Lifewire at 425-562-8840 for victim advocacy, safety planning, and housing stability services. The National Domestic Abuse Hotline offers 24/7 support at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or by texting “START” to 88788. Mercer Island residents impacted by domestic violence can also contact the City’s Department of Youth and Family Services’ Intake and Confidential Voicemail Line at 206-275-7657 for consultation, assistance, counseling, and/or referrals.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

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