



City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

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

Domestic violence can be experienced by anyone regardless of gender, race, sexual identity or orientation, or socio-economic status. The impact of domestic violence is not only felt by individual survivors, but by families, communities, and the nation.

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, there were eight homicides attributed to domestic violence.

The 2025 Domestic Violence Awareness Month theme is “With Survivors, Always” to emphasize solidarity with survivors and to support a culture of security where survivors are heard, believed, and empowered.

The City, through services offered by the Department of Youth and Family Services, supports survivors and their families with education, prevention, and confidential intervention and referral services.

Mercer Island joins with others across Washington State in supporting survivors of domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

APPROVED, this 7th day of October 2025.

Mayor Salim Nice

Proclamation No. 372

