



City of Mercer Island, Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, 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 61% of women and 45% of men have experienced intimate partner violence or abuse from a spouse or romantic partner. Every minute in the United States, 20 people experience intimate partner violence.

The 2026 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, David Rosenbaum, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

APPROVED, this 6th day of October 2026.

Mayor David Rosenbaum

Proclamation No. 398

