



## The City of Mercer Island, Washington

# Proclamation

### 2019 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects one in four women and one in nine men during their lifetime. It is widespread and has a devastating impact on survivors, children, families and our community. It 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 promoting peace in our own families, homes, and community. Let us renew 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, Debbie Bertlin, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2019 as

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in Mercer Island. I urge all residents to speak out against domestic violence and support efforts to prevent and end domestic abuse and the indifference that sustains it. 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.

We encourage survivors, their loved ones, and concerned citizens to learn more by calling the Youth and Family Services Department at 206-275-7611 or [www.mercergov.org/yfs](http://www.mercergov.org/yfs) or the LifeWire Helpline at 425-746-1940 or [www.lifewire.org](http://www.lifewire.org).

**APPROVED**, this 15th day of October 2019



**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND  
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES**

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Debbie Bertlin, Mayor

