



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5618
October 15, 2019
Special Business

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5618: Domestic Violence Action Month Proclamation No. 247	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Proclaim October 2019 as Domestic Violence Action Month in Mercer Island.	<input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT OF:	Youth and Family Services	Derek Franklin Senior Programs Manager and Clinical Supervisor
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a	
EXHIBITS:	Proclamation No. 247	
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a	

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

Domestic Violence Action Month is recognized nationally and highlights the importance of preventing domestic violence through awareness, direct action, and support for survivors.

Domestic violence is defined as the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systemic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another.

The Department of Youth and Family Services ("YFS") provides counseling, assessment and referral for those experiencing domestic violence and for survivors. Simultaneously, because domestic violence treatment and intervention is a subspecialty within the human services field, YFS relies on the ability to refer to local partner agencies, such as Lifewire, for specific services including victim advocacy, safety planning, 24-hour crisis response, and technical consultation.

Additional facts from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men have reported experiencing sexual violence, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner and suffered significant impacts such as PTSD and injury as a result.
- 1 in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend.
- Domestic violence survivors lose a total of nearly 8 million days of paid work or the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-time jobs.

Ms. Rachel Krinsky, Executive Director from Lifewire, will be present at the Council meeting to receive the proclamation.

Contact Youth and Family Services for information or involvement: miyfs@mercergov.org or (206) 275-7611.

RECOMMENDATION

Mayor presents the proclamation proclaiming October 2019 as Domestic Violence Action Month.