

City of St. Helens

PROCLAMATION

By Mayor Jennifer Massey

*Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
October 2025*

**WHEREAS**, October is recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a campaign that first began in 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as a "Day of Unity" to connect battered women's advocates across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pervasive problem affecting people of all genders, ages, ethnicities, religions, and economic statuses in every community; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence can manifest as a pattern of physical, emotional, verbal, and/or sexual abuse, as well as threats, intimidation, isolation, or financial control; and

**WHEREAS**, one in three women, one in nine men, and more than half of all trans and nonbinary individuals will experience domestic or sexual violence in their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS**, exposure to domestic violence can have long-term negative effects on children and places them at a higher risk of experiencing further violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the purple ribbon serves as a symbol of courage for survivors, a reminder of the lives lost to abuse, and the community's commitment to ending domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, local domestic violence service providers and advocacy organizations offer essential assistance and support to survivors and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the community, including government agencies, law enforcement, health care providers, advocates, and concerned citizens, play a critical role in providing hope and healing to survivors and creating a safer environment for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we remember victims who have lost their lives, support those who have survived, and provide hope for those still experiencing abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed that I, Jennifer Massey, Mayor of the City of St. Helens, do hereby declare the month of **October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and I urge all citizens to become aware of the tragedy of domestic violence and support the efforts of those working to prevent it. I further encourage the community to stand with survivors, promote healthy relationships, and work towards the elimination of all forms of domestic abuse.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of St. Helens to be affixed at St. Helens City Hall this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

MAYOR:

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Seal &  
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Jennifer Massey, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathy Payne, City Recorder