

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month was established in October 1987 to create a community dialogue about violence, to advocate for legislation and law enforcement to protect survivors of domestic violence, and to encourage public awareness and action to prevent abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of violent, intimidating, and coercive behaviors that a person uses to gain and maintain power and control over an intimate partner that becomes an ongoing cycle within a relationship; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 teens have experienced some form of abuse in a dating relationship, and nearly half of dating college women report experiencing violent or abusive dating relationships; and

WHEREAS, studies suggest that up to 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually, and individuals who witnessed their parents' domestic violence as children are twice as likely to abuse their own partners than those who do not witness some form of domestic violence annually; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence and abusive dating relationships don't discriminate; abuse can happen to anyone regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or religion and can become a cycle within any relationship; and

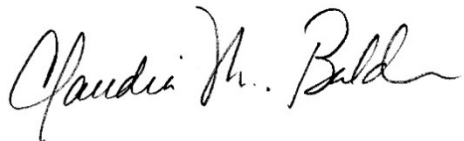
WHEREAS, there is help for people experiencing domestic violence, and they are encouraged to call the following numbers, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to access local resources: in Seattle, New Beginnings at 206-737-0242; in East King County, LifeWire at 425-746-1940; in south King County, DAWN at 425-656-7867; across King County, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) at 888-998-6423; and culturally relevant resources, API Chaya at 1-877-922-4292;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council, proclaim the month of October as

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

in King County and congratulate the efforts of those who work to end domestic violence in our communities as well as the brave people who are survivors and had the courage to get help.

DATED this twenty-fifth day of October, 2022.

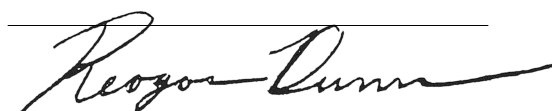
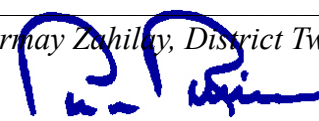


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