

# **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 victims, 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; and*

*WHEREAS, one in three women and one in four men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner; and*

*WHEREAS, one in three teens has experienced some form of abuse in a dating relationship, and nearly half of dating college women report experiencing violent or abusive dating relationship; and*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence and dating abuse don't discriminate; abuse can happen to anyone, regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or religion; and*

*WHEREAS, an abuser's access to a firearm increases the risk of intimate partner homicide by 400%; and*

*WHEREAS, studies suggest that up to 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually, and men who witnessed their parents' domestic violence as children are twice as likely to abuse their own partners than sons of nonviolent parents; and*

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

*NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council, hereby proclaim October 2018 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 fifteenth day of October, 2018.*

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