



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Snohomish County, Washington**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-041**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING  
OCTOBER 2021 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

*WHEREAS, domestic violence crosses all boundaries – ethnic, cultural, economic, religious, age, ability, education, and class – and can occur in any family structure; and*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious and pervasive crime affecting millions of women, men, children and communities in the United States every year; and*

*WHEREAS, children who observe parental conflict, hostility, and violent behavior are more likely to use abusive behaviors toward their significant others in both adolescence and adulthood; and*

*WHEREAS, one in four women and one in seven men have been victims of severe physical violence (e.g. beating, burning, strangling, etc.) by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and*

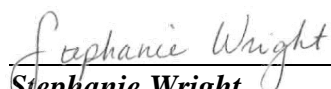
*WHEREAS, victims of intimate partner violence lose a total of 8 million days of paid work each year and the annual cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$8.3 billion per year; and*

*WHEREAS, those living with domestic violence may not leave because of financial needs, family pressures, believing the children need both parents, religious reasons, or the fear of threats to harm or gain custody of children; and*

*WHEREAS, there are easy ways to bring attention to domestic violence within our communities including: placing a purple ribbon on your car's antennae, displaying purple balloon bouquets, using a purple lightbulb for outdoor lighting, using hashtags such as Break the Silence, Stop the Violence or Hands are not for Hitting on social media;*

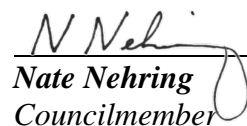
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Snohomish County and call upon Snohomish County residents to recognize domestic violence as a serious health and public safety concern, and with compassion, assist victims of these crimes in finding the help they need.

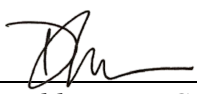
**APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.**

  
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**Stephanie Wright**  
Council Chair

  
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**Megan Dunn**  
Council Vice-Chair

  
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Councilmember

  
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Councilmember

ATTEST:   
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**Debbie Eco, CMC**  
Clerk of the Council