



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 23-036

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2023 AS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, domestic violence is pervasive and life-threatening, regardless of ethnicity, age, economic status, religion, ability, education level, and class – and can occur in any family structure; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious and widespread crime, impacting millions of community members throughout the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, nationally, an average of 3 women are killed by a current or former intimate partner every day; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence (e.g. beating, burning, strangling, etc.) by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's campaign is Health Equity Matters: Making Connections through Experiences, which strives to emphasize how common domestic violence is among high school teens who are dating; and

WHEREAS, children exposed to violence are more likely to attempt suicide, abuse drugs and alcohol, run away from home, become victims of trafficking, and commit sexual assault crimes; and

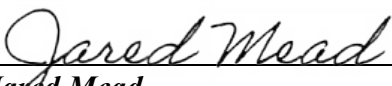
WHEREAS, those living with domestic violence may not feel like they are able to leave due to financial constraints, family pressures, believing the children need both parents, religious reasons, or fear of harm or loss of custody of children; and

WHEREAS, victims of intimate 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, people of color, immigrant survivors, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and those with disabilities face additional obstacles to accessing safety and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Snohomish County and calls 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.

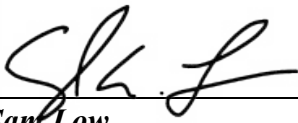
APPROVED this 4th day of October 2023.




Jared Mead
Council Chair



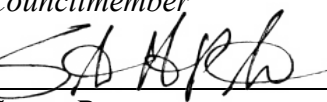
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