

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 22-054

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2022 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, nationwide, an average of three women are killed by a current or former intimate partner ever day; 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, the theme for this year's campaign is #Every1KnowsSome1, which strives to highlight how common domestic violence is and that it is more than physical violence; 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 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, people living with disabilities, people of color, and immigrant survivors face increased barriers to accessing safety and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize October 2022 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 27th day of September, 2022.

Megan Dunn Council Chair

Sam Low Councilmember Jared Mead

Council Vice-Chair

Nate Nehring

Councilmember

ATTEST: _______ Debbie Eco, CMC

Clerk of the Council