

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a public health crisis that involves a pattern of behavior used by one individual to establish and maintain power and control over another; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence shatters lives, robs children of their innocence, and can destroy the life of any citizen regardless of their age, race, income, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup City Council applauds, encourages and supports the ongoing robust and compassionate efforts by police, prosecutor's office and volunteer agencies to support victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Puyallup, as part of its commitment to end domestic violence, employs a domestic violence victim advocate to support victims during the criminal process, accessing vital and necessary resources, and assists in the prosecution of cases; and

WHEREAS, the City of Puyallup urges all citizens to reaffirm their commitment that domestic violence in any form, and to any degree, is not acceptable and is preventable; and

WHEREAS, the City of Puyallup recognizes the need for community awareness around domestic violence and therefore supports the efforts of the Purple Light Nights program which REMEMBERS the victims who have lost their lives to domestic violence, SUPPORTS those who have survived domestic violence and provides HOPE for those still living with abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Julie Door, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Puyallup, hereby declare the month of October 2020 as

"Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

in the City of Puyallup and urge all citizens to agree that domestic violence is not acceptable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and cause the seal of the City to be affixed this 12th day of October 2020.




Julie L.B. Door, Mayor