

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Endometriosis is one of the most common gynecological diseases and affects nearly 200 million worldwide. It is when tissue, similar to that of the endometrial lining, grows in other parts of the body. Typically in the pelvic and abdominal cavities which causes damage to vital organs, chronic pain, and infertility; and

**WHEREAS**, the average diagnoses takes ten years due to lack of awareness amongst both patients and medical practitioners. Appropriate care is nearly impossible to obtain due to outdated standards of care and misleading claims by the pharmaceutical industry; and

**WHEREAS** it is important to ensure that education and awareness begins in the teenage years so that diagnosis can occur at the earliest stage possible and proper treatment can begin before ever reaching a critical point:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim March 28, 2020 as

### ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS DAY

in Spokane, and do commend this observance to all our citizens.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of March in 2020.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

