CITY OF SPOKANE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, endometriosis, a condition that happens when tissue similar to the lining of a woman's uterus (womb) grows outside of the uterus, is one of the most common gynecological diseases and affects about 200 million worldwide and about 1 out of every 10 women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, endometriosis (endo for short) is often misdiagnosed or missed altogether due to a lack of education and awareness, and although more people know about the condition today, there's still a significant demand for greater understanding, especially when it comes to diagnosis and treatment options; and

WHEREAS, because endometriosis can have a devastating effect on quality of life due to its very painful symptoms and is the biggest cause of infertility in women, it is important for proper education and awareness about endo to begin early so that a 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 2021 as

ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in Spokane to help highlight the importance of education, early diagnosis, and support for women with lived experience of this disease.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane, do hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Spokane to be affixed this 1st day of March in 2021.

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Nadine Woodward

Mayor

