

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is a proud sponsor of domestic violence action month. Domestic violence is widespread and devastating to society because it is not confined to any group, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and social barriers; and

WHEREAS, between 2016 and 2021 records show Spokane charged an average of 846 misdemeanor Domestic Violence assault cases per year and an average of 606 No Contact Order Violations and an average of 1,786 domestic violence cases per year were charged during that same time frame; and

WHEREAS, domestic abuse is also a crime against children, with over 2,000 children having been witness to or victims of domestic abuse related crimes annually. Victims should have access to support and programs that are knowledgeable, trauma informed, and compassionate to their needs. Additionally, victims of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, emergency and transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse; and

WHEREAS, our emergency responders, police, and judiciary should have the training and resources necessary to enforce, prosecute, protect, and rehabilitate perpetrators of domestic abuse in order to improve the rates of 1 in 3 perpetrators reoffending. We believe we can bring an end to the high rate of family violence in the City of Spokane through education, awareness, by taking a firm stance against domestic abuse in our community, and by raising awareness for the topic through the #EndTheSilence campaign. We believe that this effort must include law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, schools, churches, social welfare agencies, public health, and every individual citizen:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

DOMESTICE VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Spokane and encourage all citizens to participate in efforts to recognize the serious impacts of domestic violence upon our community and families, and to actively work towards eliminating domestic violence within our community and state.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
9th day of October 2023.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

