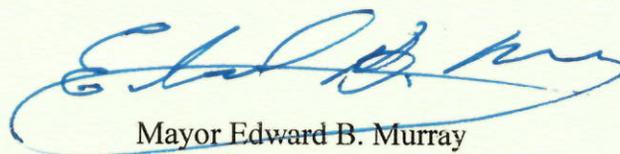


PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** National Domestic Violence Awareness Month was established in October 1987 to create a dialogue about violence, to advocate for legislation and protections for victims, to educate leaders, and to encourage public awareness and action against abuse; and
- WHEREAS,** on average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** domestic violence affects all, regardless of race, religion, occupation, educational level, culture, socio-economic status or sexual orientation; and
- WHEREAS,** women of color are often at elevated risks for domestic violence and experience increased barriers to accessing services; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Seattle invests in a comprehensive network of social services, and a specialized criminal justice response to domestic violence that addresses the needs of victims and holds batterers accountable for their actions; and
- WHEREAS,** to change belief systems and practices that support violence and abuse that disproportionately affects women and other marginalized people requires the participation and commitment of the entire community; and
- WHEREAS,** Seattle is striving to become a place where domestic violence does not exist, where all people embrace a spirit of non-violence, and where people develop healthy relationships based on mutual respect;

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, OCTOBER 2015, TO BE

Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Mayor Edward B. Murray
City of Seattle

