

# PROCLAMATION

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and October 16-21, 2024, is YWCA's Week Without Violence; and

WHEREAS domestic violence is an epidemic affecting all communities regardless of age, socioeconomic status, educational background, race, ethnicity, culture, religion, national origin, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS domestic violence and intimate partner violence (IPV) is a pattern of abusive physical, sexual, emotional, economic, psychological, and coercive, controlling behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner; and

WHEREAS domestic violence and intimate partner violence (IPV) is a serious, preventable public health problem that affects millions of Americans: and

WHEREAS 1 in 3 women and 1 in 7 men in the United States have been the victim of severe domestic violence or IPV in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS domestic violence related issues lead to nearly 8 million lost days of paid work each year, the equivalent of over 32,000 full-time jobs; and

WHEREAS there are many individual and collective drivers of domestic violence to include poverty, limited access to resources, educational opportunities and healthcare services, patriarchal privilege, and the normative use of violence in interpersonal relationships. These factors also increase childhood trauma, poor mental health and substance misuse, and poor communication and conflict in relationships; and

WHEREAS The City of Arlington is committed to a professional response to incidents of Domestic Violence in our community, and we greatly value the contributions made by organizations like the YWCA and Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County, as well as the contributions made by our community members to help provide resources and support to those experiencing domestic violence and intimate partner violence; and

NOW THEREFORE I, Don Vanney, Mayor of Arlington, do hereby proclaim October as

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Arlington and urge all citizens to become aware of the impacts of domestic violence on individuals and our community and join together in an effort to end violence in our community.



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Don E. Vanney, Mayor

October 7, 2024

Dated