



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5618
October 15, 2019
Special Business

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5618: Domestic Violence Action Month Proclamation No. 247	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Proclaim October 2019 as Domestic Violence Action Month in Mercer Island.	<input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT OF:	Youth and Family Services	Derek Franklin Senior Programs Manager and Clinical Supervisor
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a	
EXHIBITS:	Proclamation No. 247	
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a	

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

Domestic Violence Action Month is recognized nationally and highlights the importance of preventing domestic violence through awareness, direct action, and support for survivors.

Domestic violence is defined as the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systemic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another.

The Department of Youth and Family Services (“YFS”) provides counseling, assessment and referral for those experiencing domestic violence and for survivors. Simultaneously, because domestic violence treatment and intervention is a subspecialty within the human services field, YFS relies on the ability to refer to local partner agencies, such as Lifewire, for specific services including victim advocacy, safety planning, 24-hour crisis response, and technical consultation.

Additional facts from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men have reported experiencing sexual violence, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner and suffered significant impacts such as PTSD and injury as a result.
- 1 in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend.
- Domestic violence survivors lose a total of nearly 8 million days of paid work or the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-time jobs.

Ms. Rachel Krinsky, Executive Director from Lifewire, will be present at the Council meeting to receive the proclamation.

Contact Youth and Family Services for information or involvement: miyfs@mercergov.org or (206) 275-7611.

RECOMMENDATION

Mayor presents the proclamation proclaiming October 2019 as Domestic Violence Action Month.



The City of Mercer Island, Washington

Proclamation

2019 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects one in four women and one in nine men during their lifetime. It is widespread and has a devastating impact on survivors, children, families and our community. It does not discriminate and crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers.

WHEREAS, the City of Mercer Island's Department of Youth and Family Services provides services to help mitigate the devastating impact of domestic violence on survivors, children, families, and the community. Education, prevention, and intervention efforts are imperative to not only protect victims, but also to increase public awareness of the severity and extent of domestic violence.

WHEREAS, this October, let us honor **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH** by promoting peace in our own families, homes, and community. Let us renew our commitment to end domestic violence and its brutal and destructive effects on Mercer Island and in every city, every town, and every corner of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Debbie Bertlin, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2019 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH

in Mercer Island. I urge all residents to speak out against domestic violence and support efforts to prevent and end domestic abuse and the indifference that sustains it. We must work together to increase public awareness of, and action on this issue. We must work with young people to stop violence before it starts. Only then will we be able to truly put an end to this epidemic.

We encourage survivors, their loved ones, and concerned citizens to learn more by calling the Youth and Family Services Department at 206-275-7611 or www.mercergov.org/yfs or the LifeWire Helpline at 425-746-1940 or www.lifewire.org.

APPROVED, this 15th day of October 2019



CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

Debbie Bertlin, Mayor

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