

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, established in October 1987, helps connect and unite individuals and organizations working on domestic violence issues while also raising awareness for those issues; and

WHEREAS, on average, every minute, nearly 20 people in this country are physically abused by an intimate partner and intimate partner violence accounts for 15 percent of all violence crime; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence can lead to depression and suicidal behavior among all people in a household, and negatively affect child and youth development; and

WHEREAS, domestic abuse exists currently in all communities, regardless of race, religion, occupation, educational level, culture, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, women of color are often at elevated risks for gender-based violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other crimes of coercive control, and experience increased barriers to accessing services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle invests in strategies to prevent, intervene, and hold offenders accountable, while promoting healing, services, and community support for those impacted by domestic violence by partnering with more than 35 organizations to provide services to more than 10,000 survivors and their families each year; and

WHEREAS, the national theme of Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2022—**#Every1KnowsSome1**—illustrates the importance of public awareness and participation and a call to the National Domestic Violence Hotline (**1-800-799-SAFE**) can help put a person on a path to safety;

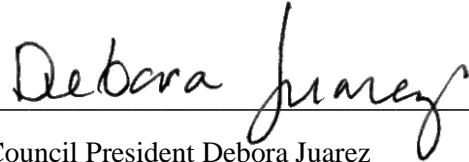
THEREFORE, THE MAYOR OF SEATTLE AND SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL DO HEREBY  
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## **Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Seattle**

We encourage all Seattle residents to recognize the signs of abuse and coercion and work to make this city a place where domestic violence does not exist.



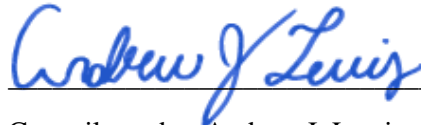
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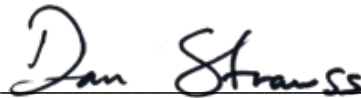
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