



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects one in three women and one in four men during their lifetime through physical violence; and

Whereas: On average, 20 people per minute experience sexual assault, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the U.S. That's more than 10 million people a year; and

Whereas: Domestic violence offenses comprise nearly 50% of all crimes against persons in Washington State; and

Whereas: Domestic violence is widespread and has a devastating impact on survivors, children, families and our community; and

Whereas: Domestic violence does not discriminate and crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious and societal barriers, and is sustained by indifference; and

Whereas: Ending the cycle of this vicious crime requires the courage of survivors and the support of the larger community; and

Whereas: Education, prevention and intervention efforts to end the cycle of domestic violence are imperative to not only protect survivors but also to increase public awareness of the severity and extent of domestic violence.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **October 2022** as:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH

in Bellevue and urge all citizens to speak out against domestic violence through support of local efforts, including those by LifeWire. Lifewire is an agency that provides domestic violence survivor support from housing to legal advocacy to mental health therapy towards preventing and ending domestic abuse in our communities and increasing public awareness of, and action on, this issue.

We encourage survivors, their loved ones, and concerned citizens to learn more by calling the LifeWire Helpline at 425-746-1940 or by visiting www.lifewire.org.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue