

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

Whereas: October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

Whereas: One in four women will experience some form of domestic violence at some point in their lives, and on average, three women are murdered each day at the hands of their abusers; and

Whereas: Domestic violence overwhelmingly impacts women, irrespective of socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, religious affiliation and sex; and

Whereas: Intimate partner homicides account for nearly half of all women killed each year in the U.S., and of these homicides, more than half are attributed to firearm use; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue is working to improve the reduction of domestic violence in our region with awareness to the cultural differences in our community.

Now, therefore, I, John Stokes, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **October 17-21, 2016** as:

YWCA WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE

and call upon public officials, educators, businesses, communities, volunteers, and all the people of Bellevue to observe this week and this month, and to join together to take an active role in ending violence in our community.

John Stokes, Mayor
City of Bellevue