

Proclamation

City of Longview, Washington

Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2015

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious, wide-ranging crime that affects people of all races, ages, income levels, sexes, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity through the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and;

WHEREAS, children who grow up in violent homes are abused and neglected at a rate 1500% higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation between \$5 billion and \$10 billion annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick-leave absenteeism and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Jensen, Mayor of the City of Longview, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 as

"Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

in the City of Longview. I urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by the Emergency Support Shelter to work toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women, and to help shed light on domestic violence by actively reporting their concerns to the proper authorities.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Longview to be affixed this 8th day of October 2015.

Don Jensen, Mayor