

Proclamation

City of Longview, Washington

Domestic Violence Action Month October 2016

WHEREAS, Domestic violence impacts women, men, and children of every age, background, and belief; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men in the United States have suffered severe physical violence by an intimate partner. Victims are deprived of their autonomy, liberty, and security, and face tremendous threats to their health and safety; 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 2016 as

“Domestic Violence Action Month”

in the City of Longview. During National Domestic Violence Action Month, we reaffirm our dedication to forging a community where no one suffers the hurt and hardship that domestic violence causes -- and we recommit to doing everything in our power to uphold the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse. 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.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Longview to be affixed this 13th day of October 2016.

Don Jensen, Mayor