

Proclamation

City of Longview, Washington

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

 *October 2018* 

WHEREAS, domestic violence occurs among people of all races, ages, socioeconomic classes, religious affiliations, occupations and educational backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in four women and one in seven men in the United States have suffered severe physical violence by an intimate partner. Victims are deprived of their autonomy, liberty, and face tremendous threats to their health and safety; and

WHEREAS, more than 15 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year in the United States, and children who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults ; and

WHEREAS, on a typical day more than 20,000 phone calls are placed to domestic violence hotlines; 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 2018 as

“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”

in the City of Longview. We must come together to reaffirm our dedication to forging a community where no one suffers the hurt and hardship that domestic violence causes, and 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 11th day of October 2018.

Don Jensen, Mayor