

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month was first established in October 1987 to foster dialogue, strengthen survivors' protections, educate leaders and encourage public action against abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is not limited to physical assault, but encompasses patterns of coercive control that may be psychological, emotional, sexual, technological, or financial, each of which undermines personal autonomy and safety and causes lasting harm to survivors, their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects people of every age, sexual orientation, gender identity, citizenship status, religion, ability, educational level, occupation and socio-economic status, with profound impacts on health, stability, and community-wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, survivors who are women, children, LGBTQIA+ individuals, immigrants and refugees, Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color, people living with disabilities, and those facing poverty or housing instability are disproportionately impacted and face greater barriers to safety and justice; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is committed to a trauma-informed approach, investing over \$15 million annually in community-based services, shelters, legal remedies, and survivor supports, working in partnership with more than 30 organizations to provide over 7,500 services to survivors and their families each year; and

WHEREAS, preventing domestic violence requires collective responsibility, cultural change, and community engagement, including education, accountability, and solidarity to challenge the conditions and systems that allow violence to persist; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is hosting a Domestic Violence Month event at City Hall on October 28, 2025 from 11am – 2pm, to honor advocates, case managers, organizations and survivors who cultivate hope and healing from gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS, this October the City of Seattle recognizes Thursday, October 16, 2025, as Purple Thursday, a day of action to honor survivors, raise awareness, and renew our pledge to ending domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle envisions a future free from domestic violence, where all people can live safely, with dignity and respect, and where survivors are supported in their healing and empowerment;

*THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM
OCTOBER 2025 TO BE*

Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Seattle

AND RECOGNIZE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025, AS

Purple Thursday

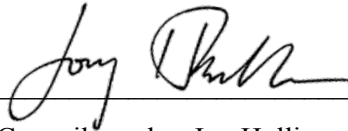
We encourage all Seattle residents to recognize the signs of abuse and coercion, take steps to raise awareness about this issue, and work to make this city a place where domestic violence no longer exists.



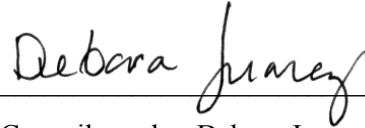
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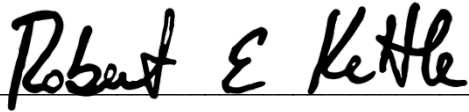
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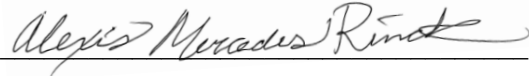
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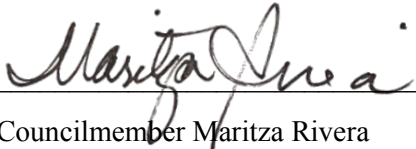
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Councilmember Robert E. Kettle



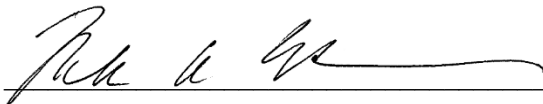
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