

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Seattle is strengthened by its diverse immigrant and refugee communities whose cultural, social, and economic contributions enrich the life of our city; and

WHEREAS, gender-based violence (GBV), including domestic violence (DV), disproportionately impacts women, girls, LGBTQ+ individuals, and gender-diverse people in immigrant communities, where barriers such as language access, cultural isolation, limited social support, financial dependence, and fears related to immigration status increase vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, many immigrant and refugee survivors arrive from regions affected by war, political violence, displacement, or patriarchal systems where gender inequities are deeply entrenched, creating compounded trauma and heightened risk of violence that can persist after resettlement; and

WHEREAS, research and national data indicate that immigrant survivors may experience intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and stalking at high rates, often with less access to safe reporting, legal protections, and culturally responsive services; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence and gender-based violence exact profound physical, emotional, and economic harm not only on individuals, but also on families and communities, particularly when survivors are already marginalized due to gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is committed to advancing equity, justice, and safety for all residents, including immigrant and refugee survivors of violence, through prevention, improved response systems, and support that is trauma-informed, culturally responsive, linguistically accessible, and safe regardless of immigration status;

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

Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Seattle

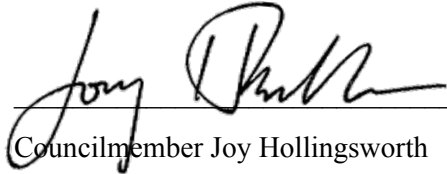
with recognition of the disproportionate impact of gender-based violence on immigrant and refugee communities, including women, LGBTQ+, and gender-diverse survivors in Seattle, and we urge all residents to stand with survivors, raise awareness, and help build a future free of violence and fear.



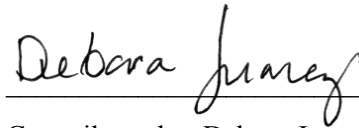
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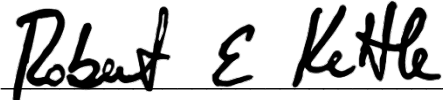
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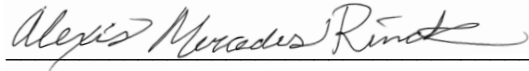
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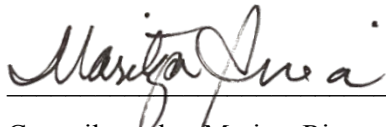
Councilmember Debora Juarez



Councilmember Robert E. Kettle



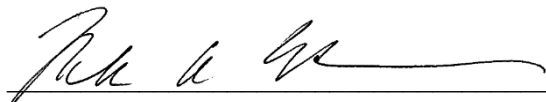
Councilmember Alexis Mercedes Rinck



Councilmember Maritza Rivera



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