



*Office of the Mayor
City of Tukwila, Washington*

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an intentional pattern of behavior that is used by one person as a means to harm and take power and control over another person in the context of a dating, family, roommate or caretaker relationship. Domestic violence is a serious and widespread social problem in our nation, with approximately one third of all female homicide victims being killed by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an epidemic affecting all communities, regardless of age, socioeconomic status, educational background, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, ability, sexual orientation, or gender; 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 and it has been estimated that every nine seconds a woman is beaten by her husband or boyfriend in this country with, in more than half those instances, children under the age of 12 are present; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tukwila continues to work to improve the overall response to and the reduction of domestic violence in our region with awareness to the cultural differences in our community while still enforcing the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kate Kruller, Councilmember, on behalf of Allan Ekberg, Mayor of the City of Tukwila, and in honor of the women, children and men who are or have been victims, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2019 to be

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the City of Tukwila and encourage everyone in our community to take an active role in supporting all victims so they can lead healthy lives safe from violent and abusive behavior.

Presented this 7th day of October, 2019.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allan Ekberg".

Allan Ekberg, Mayor