

# CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, it is a priority of the City of Yakima for our community to be safe; and*

*WHEREAS, the family is the foundation of a safe and healthy community, and every individual has the right to live without fear; and*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence affects all citizens of Yakima, crossing all racial, social, religious, ethnic, geographical and economic groups; and*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is an immense problem in Yakima County, where in 2017, the YWCA Yakima served more than 6,600 individuals who were impacted by domestic violence; and*

*WHEREAS, in Yakima County, there have been more than 39 domestic violence-related homicides since 1997; this number includes domestic violence victims, their children, friends or family members, as well as law enforcement officers, and*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread, whereby one in three persons will either be a victim of violence or personally know someone who is a victim; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Yakima is committed to eliminating domestic violence and ensuring a safe and healthy community for all its citizens,*

*NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the impact that domestic violence has on the health and well-being of our community, I, Kathy Coffey, Mayor of the City of Yakima and behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2018 as*

## ***“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”***

*in the City of Yakima and urge all citizens to participate in the activities planned by the YWCA Yakima and community organizations during this month. Citizens should also take the opportunity to educate themselves about the impact of domestic violence in Yakima and to become familiar with resources and programs available.*

*Dated this 16th day of October, 2018*

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*Kathy Coffey, Mayor*