

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 2019, 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, Patricia Byers, Mayor of the City of Yakima and behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 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 6th day of October, 2020

Patricia Byers, Mayor