

PROCLAMATION
"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"
OCTOBER 2006

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious and pervasive crime affecting people of all races, ages, income levels and sexes; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control or abuse; and

WHEREAS, in our country, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends every day; and

WHEREAS, children who grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime,

NOW, THEREFORE WE, the Mason County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2006 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs. We urge all citizens to participate actively in the scheduled events and programs to eliminate the use of personal and institutional violence against women.

Signed this 17th day of October 2006.

Board of County Commissioners
Mason County, Washington

Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

ATTEST:

Jayni Kamin, Commissioner

Clerk of the Board

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner