

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a confrontation between family or household members involving physical harm, harassment, sexual assault, or reasonable fear of physical harm; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is not only a personal tragedy, but a crime that affects women, children, men, neighborhoods, and communities; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States - more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined; and

WHEREAS, children who grow up in violent homes are likely to also be abused and neglected; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bonney Lake believes that our community, including every residence, should be a place of safety for all individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City helps victims obtain resources and discuss safety plans; and

WHEREAS, the City's legal department prosecutes domestic violence related cases to hold perpetrators accountable for their actions

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that Bonney Lake again declares the month of October as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and encourages all citizens to actively stand against domestic violence in our community.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2019.

Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor