CITY OF SPOKANE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is a proud sponsor of domestic violence action month, as family violence was voted a priority for Spokane County stakeholders. Spokane County has close to 4,000 confirmed victims of reported domestic abuse every year, and approximately 1 in 3 women and 1 in 10 men are victims of domestic abuse. Domestic violence is widespread and devastating to society as a whole because it is not confined to any group, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and social barriers; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement fields over 14,500 calls related to domestic abuse every year, resulting in 3,300 perpetrators being prosecuted annually, which accounts for 25% of all criminal cases. Domestic abuse is also a crime against children, with over 2,000 children having been witness to or victims of domestic abuse related crimes annually. Victims should have access to support and programs that are knowledgeable, trauma informed, and compassionate to their needs as victims; and victims of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, emergency and transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can find safety; and

WHEREAS, our emergency responders, police, and judiciary should have the training and resources necessary to enforce, prosecute, protect, and rehabilitate perpetrators of domestic abuse in order to improve the rates of 1 in 3 perpetrators reoffending. We believe Spokane can reduce, and ultimately end, family violence through coordinated community response efforts that are grounded in research, strengthened by education and advanced through coalition-building that raises awareness and promotes prevention. We recognize that this work requires the full engagement of law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, schools, public health, faith communities, social service providers, and every resident, working together, in partnership, to create a safer Spokane for all:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH

in Spokane and encourages all residents to participate in efforts to recognize the serious impacts of domestic violence upon our community and families, and to actively work towards eliminating domestic violence within our community and state.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
1st day of October 2025.

Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown
Mayor