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October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

“Month of Mondays” Committed to Ending Domestic Violence in Snohomish County

The Snohomish County Domestic Violence Coalition and the Snohomish County Domestic Violence Taskforce will sponsor a **“Month of Mondays”**, a series of evening candlelight vigils scheduled at locations throughout the region on each of the five Mondays this October as support of national Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

“We must respond to domestic violence in our county,” Executive Aaron Reardon said. “Abusers will be held accountable and survivors must be supported. Every person in Snohomish County should be able to live without fear or the threat of violence.”

Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence statistics indicate more than 280 people were killed by domestic violence abusers in Washington State between January 1, 1997 and June 30, 2004.

Snohomish County will conduct the first candlelight vigil on October 1st at 6:00pm on the first floor of the County Administration East Building, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue in Everett.

The vigil begins indoors with speakers that include County Executive Aaron Reardon and Executive Director Deanna Dawson, a former domestic violence prosecutor, before moving outside to light candles. Displays, brochures, educational and advocacy material will be available.

Executive Reardon and the County Council declared October 2007 **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in Snohomish County as an endorsement of national Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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