$\sim PROCLAMATION \sim$

- **WHEREAS,** each year, thousands of families and communities across our nation are forever changed by domestic violence and other forms of violence that resulted in homicide; and
- **WHEREAS,** the National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims, observed annually on September 25th, honors the memory of those whose lives have been taken by violence and recognizes the enduring grief and resilience of their loved ones; and
- **WHEREAS,** this Day of Remembrance offers an opportunity to increase public awareness about the impact of homicide, to support survivors and their families, and to reaffirm our collective commitment to preventing violence and seeking justice; and
- WHEREAS, organizations such as the National Women's Coalition Against Violence and Exploitation, Odyssey World International Education Services, Everytown for Gun Safety, and the National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children provide vital advocacy, resources, and compassionate support to survivors of homicide victims; and
- WHEREAS, again this year, the National Women's Coalition Against Violence and Exploitation and Odyssey World International Education Services will host a community Candlelight Memorial on the National Day of Remembrance at Esther Short Park in Vancouver, Washington, on September 25, 2025, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., creating a space to remember, to heal, and to stand together against violence;
- **NOW, THEREFORE,** we, the Clark County Council, do hereby proclaim the September 25th, 2025, as ~ *Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims* ~

in Clark County, Washington, and encourage all citizens to honor the lives lost, support survivors, and renew our commitment to help prevent violence in our county and beyond.

Signed this 16th day of September 2025

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