

Proclamation

Economic Abuse Awareness Day

November 26, 2024

WHEREAS Domestic Economic Abuse is a common but overlooked form of domestic violence that limits an individual's financial autonomy, including denying access and control over resources or constraining economic freedom; and

WHEREAS barriers to economic resources undermine a survivor's independence, including the ability to flee abusive relationships. Economic Abuse has detrimental effects on a survivor's mental and physical well-being and other social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS Economic Abuse happens across socio-economic status, race, and age and is exacerbated by intersectional and systemic factors; and

WHEREAS Economic Abuse survivors have the right to be free from violence and must feel empowered to regain control over their lives; and

WHEREAS all levels of government must work to prevent Economic Abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2024, as "Economic Abuse Awareness Day" in the City of Surrey, and encourages everyone to inform themselves about the signs and impacts of Economic Abuse.

Mayor Brenda Locke City of Surrey