

# Proclamation

*City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor*

## FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH - NOVEMBER 2021

- WHEREAS, the mission at One Mom's Battle (OMB) and the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase awareness of the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children; and
- WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is to increase awareness on the importance of education and training on domestic violence, childhood trauma and post separation abuse for all professionals working within the family court system; and
- WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is to educate judges and other family court professionals on the empirical data and research that is currently available. Such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children. This research includes The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study (CDC-Kaiser Permanente), Saunder's Study (US Department of Justice), The Meier Study: Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Abuse Allegations, and the Santa Clara Law Study (Confronting the Challenge of High-Conflict Personality in Family Court); and
- WHEREAS, recent Washington state legislation has restricting abusive litigation, to prevent individuals who abuse their intimate partners from misusing court proceedings in order to control, harass, intimidate, coerce, and/or impoverish the abused partner and family; and
- WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is fueled by the desire for awareness and change in the family court system while honoring the more than 800 children who have been murdered by separating or divorcing parents nationwide; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mike Nelson, Mayor of the City of Edmonds, hereby proclaim November as Family Court Awareness Month in Edmonds, and encourage all citizens to support the mission of FCAMC.

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Mike Nelson, Mayor ~ November 1, 2021