

SENATE RESOLUTION

8660

By Senators Short, Cleveland, Kuderer, Warnick, Dozier, Torres, Padden, Lovelett, Wagoner, and J. Wilson

1 WHEREAS, January has been recognized as National Stalking
2 Awareness Month by the Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource
3 Center, established by a grant funded by the United States Department
4 of Justice; and

5 WHEREAS, This body reaffirms the inherent right of every human
6 being to live in peace without the fear of being stalked, harassed,
7 and violated; and

8 WHEREAS, We recognize stalking as a deeply traumatic
9 victimization in its own right and often intersects with sexual
10 violence, physical violence, and even homicide; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual
12 Violence Survey, one in three women and one in six men have been
13 stalked at some point in their lives; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the National Coalition Against Domestic
15 Violence, 76 percent of women murdered by an intimate partner were
16 stalked first, while 85 percent of women who survived murder attempts
17 were stalked; and

18 WHEREAS, 54 percent of femicide victims reported stalking to the
19 police before they were killed by their stalkers and one in seven
20 stalking victims has been forced to move because of their
21 victimization; and

22 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of Justice
23 report "Socio-emotional Impact of Violent Crime," victims often face

1 nonphysical challenges, such as the possibility of trauma and
2 posttraumatic stress or socio-emotional problems, affecting
3 their ability to trust or function day to day; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
5 Prevention, stalking is a public health problem that affects
6 millions of people in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, The impact of all crime often affects more than
8 just the direct victims, devastating thousands of these victims'
9 families and friends across Washington as well; and

10 WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate recognize the
11 importance of honoring victims regardless of the manner, size,
12 or type of crime committed against them because of the adversity
13 they face and the resilience they exemplify;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize
15 the plight of those affected and victimized by the crime of
16 stalking and further resolve to stand with the victims who have
17 been brave enough to tell their stories, those who are no longer
18 alive to do so, and those who might gain the courage to do so in
19 the future.

20 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
21 do hereby certify that this is a true and
22 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8660,
23 adopted by the Senate
24 January 26, 2024

25 SARAH BANNISTER
26 Secretary of the Senate