

# *City of Vancouver, Washington*

## **Proclamation**

WHEREAS, November is National Youth Hope Month; and

WHEREAS, Since 2001, November has been designated as National Runaway Prevention Month (NRPM) following the White House Conference on Exploited and Runaway Children. For over two decades, the National Runaway Safeline (NRS), with support from the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), has collaborated with national, state, and local organizations, Youth Ambassadors, companies, and individuals to bring attention to the experiences of youth who have run away or experienced homelessness; and

WHEREAS, As the landscape surrounding youth homelessness has evolved since NRPM's inception, we recognized the need for a rebrand to reflect the broader issues impacting youth more accurately today, thus National Youth Hope Month (NYHM) was launched as our mission to illuminate the challenges faced by runaway and homeless youth were priorities; and

WHEREAS, The National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAGE) has been making a difference by raising awareness and providing resources that offer hope and support. As a national partner of NRS, our vital contribution has created safe, empowering spaces for vulnerable young people in the community through NWCAGE's Advocacy Center for Justice and our Missing Children's Division.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim November as:

**“ National Youth Hope Month ”**

in the City of Vancouver and call upon the people of Vancouver to honor that we can all play in advocating for and providing safe alternatives to this vulnerable population of young people.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 4th day of November 2024.

*Anne McEnerny-Ogle*  
**ANNE MCENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR**