



Proclamation - November 25, 2024

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Whereas, November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month and November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and

Whereas, violence is the greatest inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals. Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

Whereas, Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 59 femicides in Ontario since November 26th, 2023. Last year in Ontario, on average every 6 days a woman or child lost their lives due to men's violence; and

Whereas, Indigenous, Black, South Asian and Southeast Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence, including femicide, on the 2022-2023 Ontario Femicide List

Whereas, this month and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we acknowledge our community's support of the Wrapped in Courage campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and

Whereas, there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario by all three levels of Government;

Whereas, a Wrapped in Courage Campaign flag will be raised during Woman Abuse Prevention Month in recognition that the courage of a woman alone is not enough, it takes an entire community to end gender-based violence; and

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Lisa Post, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim **November 25th, 2024** shall be known as "The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women" and urge all citizens to recognize this day by taking action to support survivors and becoming part of Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

Lisa Post Mayor