



Proclamation

November 25, 2022

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Whereas, violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals; and

Whereas, November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month; and

Whereas, Gender-based violence is a human right issue which our community must work together to address, prevent and address through public awareness and education; and

Whereas, 1 in 3 women will experience gender-based violence in their lifetime and these numbers increase exponentially for Black, Indigenous and Woman of Colour; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased barriers to support and services for survivors of gender-based violence and their children; and

Whereas, last year in Ontario, every 13 days a woman or child was killed by a man known to them, with the majority being their current or former intimate partner

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, on November 25th, The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, a Wrapped in Courage Campaign flag will be raised 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 Sandy Brown on behalf of Council, proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2022 shall be **The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women** and urge all citizens to recognize this day by taking action to support survivors of gender-based violence and becoming part of Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

Sandy Brown
Mayor