



Proclamation

November 25, 2023

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, Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 51 femicides between 2021 and 2022; and

Whereas, our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

Whereas, Black, Indigenous, South Asian and South East Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence, including femicide and were overrepresented within the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses' 2020-2021 Annual Femicide List; and

Whereas, last year in Ontario, on average every 8 days a woman or child was killed by a man known to them; and

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 25, The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the 11th Anniversary of the Wrapped in Courage campaign across Ontario, a Wrapped in Courage 2023 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 Lisa Post, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim November 25, 2023 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 of gender-based violence and becoming part of the Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

Lisa Post
Mayor