



## Proclamation

December 6, 2023

### National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

**Whereas**, on December 6, 1989, 14 women were gunned down at the University of Montreal. The Montreal Massacre was a heinous act which serves to remind us of the everyday reality of violence against women; and

**Whereas**, in 1991, the Parliament of Canada declared December 6 to be the **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**; and

**Whereas**, the day now represents a time to reflect on the impact of violence against women in our society and it is also a day for communities and individuals to speak out against all forms of violence against women and its impact on victims and their families and friends; and

**Whereas**, although our Town is a relatively safe place to live, violence against women, in both private and public, occurs too frequently. Violence is not limited to physical or sexual aggression. Small acts of violence are committed daily through attitude and intimidating behavior and these small acts add up to create an atmosphere of distrust, insecurity and fear; and

**Whereas**, attitudes are changing and women no longer need to act alone against violence in our society. Governments, community groups, corporations, the media and others are more aware of the way violence isolates and harms women; and

**Now Therefore**, I, Mayor Lisa Post, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim December 6, 2023, as “**National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**” in the Town of Orangeville and ask all citizens to observe this day in commemoration of all women who are or have been victims of violence, and in remembrance of the victims of the Montreal Massacre.

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Lisa Post  
Mayor