



Proclamation

- WHEREAS** Violence continues to be the most significant gender inequality rights issue for women, girls, and gender-diverse individuals; and
- WHEREAS** November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month; and
- WHEREAS** Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and
- WHEREAS** Gender-based violence is a human rights issue that 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 Women of Colour; and
- WHEREAS** at least one woman or girl is killed by violence every two days in Canada; and
- WHEREAS** This month we acknowledge our community's support of My Friend's House Courage Campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and
- WHEREAS** On November 25th, The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, My Friend's House 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, Yvonne Hamlin, Mayor of the Town of Collingwood,

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM November 25th as "The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women" in the Town of Collingwood.

Dated this 25th day of **November, 2024**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne Hamlin', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Yvonne Hamlin