



October 28, 2022

RE: REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING ON NOVEMBER 25TH, 2022

To: Mayor and Council of the Town of Georgina

I am reaching out on behalf of Sandgate to request your participation in and support of the 2022 Wrapped in Courage Campaign focused on ending gender-based violence in our community and beyond.

Sandgate is a not-for-profit organization which provides vital services and support for survivors of gender-based violence and their children including emergency shelter, community support, counselling and basic needs. Sandgate is a proud agency partner of the provincial Wrapped in Courage 2022 campaign which has been raising awareness of gender-based violence and working to prevent femicide in Ontario for the past 10 years.

November 25th marks both the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the first day of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence worldwide. We request as leaders of the Town of Georgina you consider proclaiming November 25th as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and raising a Wrapped in Courage flag on during these 16 Days of Activism to raise awareness and promote gender equality. The flags are 36x72 in size and feature a campaign symbol and text (End Gender-Based Violence).

A sample proclamation for your consideration is attached (1) in addition to a copy of the flag design (2).

We thank the Town of Georgina for considering this request and for your continued support in our work to provide safety and support for survivors of gender-based violence in our community.

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WRAPPED IN COURAGE PROCLAMATION

The Township of Georgina hereby proclaim

November 25th

As

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 Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 40 femicides between November 2021- November 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 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, 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 25th, The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the 10th Anniversary of the Wrapped in Courage campaign across Ontario, a Wrapped in Courage 2022 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 (title and jurisdiction) proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2022 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 of gender-based violence and becoming part of Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

FLAG DESIGN





END GENDER- BASED VIOLENCE



