



At the meeting of Council held on November 2nd, the following motion was introduced and passed:

Be it resolved that:

"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 November 25th the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and

WHEREAS Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 50 femicides in Ontario since November 26th, 2022; and

WHEREAS Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, 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' 2021-2022 Annual Femicide List; and

WHEREAS last year in Ontario, on average every 7 days a woman or child lost their lives due to femicide; 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 there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario; and

Now, therefore, I Mayor White, on behalf of the Township of Melancthon Council proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2023 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.

Carried.

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean

