



Proclamation

November 25, 2024

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month and November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and

WHEREAS violence is the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals. Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 52 femicides in Ontario since November 26th, 2023; and

WHEREAS last year in Ontario, on average every 6 days a woman or child lost their lives due to men's violence; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and Southeast Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence, including femicide, on the 2022-2023 Ontario Femicide List; 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 by all three levels of Government; and

Now, therefore, I Darren White, on behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2024, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren White" with a stylized flourish and the initials "D.W." at the end.

Mayor Darren White