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## Proclamation

# International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women November 25, 2024

**November 13, 2024**

WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month and November 25<sup>th</sup> 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 49 femicides in Ontario since November 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 Mayor Gardhouse of Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa proclaim and declare that November 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 to support survivors and becoming part of Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

**Mayor Guy Gardhouse**  
**Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa**