



*The Corporation of*

**THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON**

*157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, Ontario, L9V 2E6*

**The Township of Melancthon  
does hereby proclaim**

## **NOVEMBER 25th as 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 31 femicides** in Ontario since November 26th, 2024; and

Whereas 37 different cities and towns in Ontario had a femicide occur in their community last year; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and South East Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence, including femicide; and

WHEREAS men's violence has taken the lives of women and girls across the lifespan with femicide victims in the 2023/24 femicide list ranging between the ages of 2 months old to 89 years old; 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 Darren White, on behalf of the Council of the Township of Melancthon proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2025 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.