



Canadian Federation of University Women
Welland and District

October 13, 2023

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Dear Regional Chair, Niagara Mayors and Municipal Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Federation of University Women, Welland and District and local organizations who are working to end gender-based violence. We are requesting your continued participation in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

This year, we are working to coordinate our efforts and are asking each municipality to consider proclaiming November 25th as the International Day for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence and raising a Wrapped in Courage flag to raise awareness and promote gender equality, and that the cupola is lit in orange or purple for one or more days during the period.

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence begins on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence and ends on December 10, International Human Rights Day.

I have attached a sample proclamation for your consideration and can arrange to deliver a flag to you, if you do not already have one. This year, the first day of the campaign is Saturday, November 25.

The 16 Days is an opportunity for the mayor and council to issue a reaffirming statement of the city's commitment to raise awareness of gender-based violence, to promote the need for resources to help prevent it and to help victims in the Niagara Region access support.

We wish to thank you for your consideration of this request and for all you have done in the past to raise awareness of domestic violence and to support our organizations.

If you require additional information please let me know.

If you plan to issue a proclamation or use other means of supporting this campaign please let us know as we would be happy to participate and assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of Birchway Niagara (formerly Women's Place of South Niagara), Niagara Region
Sexual Assault Clinic

16 Days of Activism beginning November 25 International Day for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence Against Women until December 10 Human Rights Day

Whereas violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls, and gender-diverse people and

Whereas November is Women Abuse Prevention Month in Ontario and

Whereas Our community is committed to ending all forms of gender-based violence

Now therefore, we proclaim and declare

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender- Based Violence to begin

November 25 and continue until December 10

And urge all citizens to recognize these days to increase awareness and to take action to support survivors of gender-based violence.