



To: Mayor Bill Steele and Port Colborne Councillors,

I am reaching out on behalf of Canadian Federation of University Women Welland and District and local organizations who are working to end gender-based violence, to request your continued participation in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign. The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence begins on Monday, November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and ends on December 10, International Human Rights Day.

We are working to coordinate our requests to each municipality and are asking you to proclaim November 25th as the International Day for the End of Violence Against Women and to raise a Wrapped in Courage flag (purple) to create awareness and promote gender equality. As well, we are requesting permission to display Red dresses at various locations to acknowledge Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2S+ (MMIWG2S+). This will help to keep the issue of eliminating violence against women at the top of local, national and global agendas, and is an opportunity for each mayor and council to issue a reaffirming statement of support and promote awareness of this violence and the need for resources and help for victims.

We wish to thank you for your consideration of this request and for all you have done other years to raise awareness of domestic violence and to support our organizations. If there is additional information that any of us can provide, please let me know. If your town is planning any activities for the 16 Days of Activism we will be happy to participate and assist in any way possible.

Please confirm your receipt of this email.

Sincerely,
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On behalf of Birchway (formerly Women's Place of South Niagara), NiagaraRegion Sexual Assault Clinic and other community agencies.