

Dear Mayor Steele,

I am reaching out on behalf of Women's Place to request your participation in the **2021 Wrapped in Courage Campaign**, which focuses on ending gender-based violence in our community and beyond.

Women's Place provides vital services and support for survivors of gender-based violence and their children. Our agency is a proud agency partner of the provincial Wrapped in Courage 2021 campaign, which has been raising awareness related to gender-based violence in Ontario for the past eight years.

November 25th marks both the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the first day of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. **We are asking you consider proclaiming November 25th as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and raising a Wrapped in Courage flag on November 25th to raise awareness and promote gender equality.**

A sample proclamation is attached to this email for your consideration. This document also includes an image of the 36 x 72 inch flag, which we can arrange to deliver to City Hall.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If there is additional information that we need to provide, such as forms formalizing either of these requests, please let me know.

Kindest regards,

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Sample Proclamation

WHEREAS violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals; and

WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS Gender-based violence is a human right issue which our community must work together to address, prevent and address through public awareness and education; and

WHEREAS 1 in 3 women will experience gender-based violence in their lifetime and these numbers increase exponentially for Black, Indigenous and Women of Colour; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has increased barriers to support and services for survivors of gender-based violence and their children; and

WHEREAS last year in Ontario, every 13 days a woman or child was killed by a man known to them, with the majority being their current or former intimate partner

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 on November 25th, The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, a Wrapped in Courage 2021 Campaign flag will be raised in recognition that the courage of a woman alone is not enough, it takes an entire community to end gender-based violence; and

NOW THEREFORE I, Bill Steele, Mayor of the city of Port Colborne, on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim November 25th, 2021 shall be known as

“The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women”

In the City of Port Colborne and urge all citizens to recognize this day by taking action to support survivors of gender-based violence and becoming part of Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

1. Flag Design

