



November 8, 2021

Moved by Councillor
Seconded by Councillor

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; 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 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, Mayor William C. Steele, do hereby proclaim November 25th, 2021 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.

William C. Steele
Mayor