



October 8, 2024

RE: REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION THIS NOVEMBER

To: Whom It May Concern

We are reaching out on behalf of Family Transition Place (FTP) and the Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses (OAITH) to request your participation in and support of the 2024 **Wrapped in Courage Campaign** focused on ending gender-based violence in our community and beyond.

FTP is a not-for-profit organization that provides vital services and support for survivors of gender-based violence and their children. FTP is a proud agency partner of the 2024 Wrapped in Courage campaign that has been raising awareness of gender-based violence and working to prevent femicide in Ontario since 2013.

During Woman Abuse Prevention Month this November, we are calling on community leaders to join us in taking action by supporting the Wrapped in Courage campaign and showing their support for gender equality. The theme of this year's Wrapped in Courage Campaign is "*Weaving Purple: Threads of Collective Gender-Based Violence Action*". The awareness, action and commitment of every community member across Ontario is a vital thread in realizing our vision of a future free of gender-based violence and oppression.

We request that as leaders of the Town of Grand Valley you consider proclaiming November 25th as the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women** in November to signify our community's commitment to support survivors and address rising rates of, and gender-based violence, including femicide.

A sample proclamation for your consideration is attached.

We thank the Town of Grand Valley for considering this request and for your continued support in our work to provide safety and support for survivors of gender-based violence in our community.

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Proclamation



The Town of Grand Valley 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 49 femicides in Ontario since November 26th, 2023; and

WHEREAS last year in Ontario, on average every 6 days a woman or child lost their lives due to men's violence; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and Southeast Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence, including femicide, on the 2022-2023 Ontario Femicide List

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 Soloman proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2024, 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.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2024.

Mayor Steve Soloman