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PROCLAMATION

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
November 25

WHEREAS, November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month and November 25 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 thirty-one femicides in Ontario since November 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous, Black, South Asian, and South-east Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence; and

WHEREAS, men's violence has taken the lives of women and girls across the lifespan with femicide victims ranging between the ages of 2 months old to 89 years old; 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, 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

WHEREAS, a **Wrapped in Courage** Campaign flag will be raised in during Woman Abuse Prevention Month in recognition that the courage of a woman alone is not enough, it takes an entire community to end gender-based violence,

THEREFORE, I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor for the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward do hereby recognize November 25 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 of gender-based violence and becoming part of Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

DATED this 10th day of November 2026
Mayor Steve Ferguson