



October 19, 2021

Mayor John Grant
and Township of Brock Town Council

RE: REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING ON NOVEMBER 25TH, 2021

To: Mayor John Grant and Township of Brock Town Council:

I am reaching out on behalf of The Violence Prevention Coordinating Council of Durham (VPCC) to request your participation and support for the 2021 Wrapped in Courage Campaign focused on ending gender-based violence in our communities and beyond.

The VPCC (a Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services funded network) represents over 35 agencies and organizations throughout the Durham Region, who work collaboratively to eradicate violence and abuse against women and girls of all ages. The VPCC is a proud partner of the provincial Wrapped in Courage 2021 campaign which has been raising awareness related to gender-based violence in Ontario since 2013.

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 worldwide.

We are requesting that the Township of Brock consider proclaiming November 25th as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. We would also like to request that the Township of Brock raise a Wrapped in Courage flag on November 25th to promote awareness of violence against women and the need for gender equality. The flags are 36" x 72", are purple in colour and feature the campaign symbol and text (End Gender-Based Violence). We would be happy to provide the Township of Brock with a flag at no cost to you.

We have attached a sample proclamation for your consideration and a copy of the flag design.

We thank the Township of Brock for considering this request and for your continued support in our work to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls in our communities.

Thank you,

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1. Sample Proclamation for Your Consideration:

The (Municipality/Township) of (Name of Municipality/Township) does hereby proclaim

November 25th

As

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

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 Woman 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 (title and jurisdiction) proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2021 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 of gender-based violence and becoming part of Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

Sample Wrapped in Courage Flag Design

Dimensions: 36" x 72"

Colour: Purple

