



Sept 14, 2021

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

To: Mayor John Henderson and Council,

I am reaching out on behalf of Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre to request your participation in and support of the 2021 Wrapped in Courage Campaign focused on ending gender-based violence in our community and beyond.

Cornerstone is a not-for-profit organization which provides vital services and support for survivors of gender-based violence and their children including immediate shelter, counselling and prevention services. Cornerstone 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 8 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 worldwide. We request as leaders of The Town of Cobourg 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. The flags are 36x72 in size and feature a campaign symbol and text (End Gender-Based Violence) in both English and French designs.

A sample proclamation for your consideration is attached (1) in addition to a copy of the flag design (2).

We thank The Town of Cobourg 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.

Sincerely,

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Manager of Community Engagement

CORNERSTONE Family Violence Prevention Centre



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.



2. Flag Design (French and English)

