

## Proclamation .....

## 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

November 25 – December 10, 2025

WHEREAS November 25 marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence; and

WHEREAS this global campaign, which runs until December 10, International Human Rights Day, raises awareness of violence experienced by women, girls, and members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, and calls for its prevention and elimination; and

WHEREAS the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women was first declared in Latin America in 1980 to honour the Mirabel sisters, three political activists from the Dominican Republic who were assassinated in 1960 for standing against injustice, becoming enduring symbols of the fight for women's rights; and

WHEREAS in Canada, the 16 Days also encompass December 6, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, a day to honour the 14 women murdered in the 1989 École Polytechnique massacre; and

WHEREAS gender-based violence, including intimate partner violence, continues to impact individuals, families, and communities across our province, and recognizing it as an epidemic is an important step in acknowledging the seriousness of this issue; and

WHEREAS our municipality is committed to raising awareness, supporting survivors, and taking action to help prevent all forms of gender-based violence;

THEREFORE I, Bonny MacIsaac, Warden of the Municipality of Inverness County do hereby proclaim November 25 to December 10, 2025, as the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence in the Municipality of Inverness County.

Warden Bonny MacIssac Municipality of Inverness County

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Signed at Port Hood, Nova Scotia