



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

WHEREAS violence against women and girls (VAWG) is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations in our world today remains largely unreported due to the impunity, silence, stigma and shame surrounding it;

WHEREAS to further clarify, the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women issued by the UN General Assembly in 1993, defines violence against women as “any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life”;

WHEREAS since the outbreak of COVID-19, emerging data and reports from those on the front lines, have shown that all types of violence against women and girls, particularly domestic violence, has intensified;

WHEREAS this is the Shadow Pandemic growing amidst the COVID-19 crisis and we need a global collective effort to stop it. As COVID-19 cases continue to strain health services, essential services, such as domestic violence shelters and helplines, have reached capacity;

WHEREAS more needs to be done to prioritize addressing violence against women in COVID-19 response and recovery efforts;

THEREFORE I, Mayor Nancy Dicks, do hereby proclaim November 25, 2021 as International Day for the Elimination of Violence in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks