



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 and remains largely unreported due to the impunity, silence, stigma and shame surrounding it; and

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”; and

WHEREAS five years ago, the #MeToo movement, founded by activist Tarana Burke in 2006, exploded and sparked global mobilization creating a moment of urgency in preventing and responding to violence against women and girls; and

WHEREAS unprecedented awareness and momentum have been created thanks to the relentless work of grassroots activists, women’s human rights defenders and survivor advocates worldwide to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls; and

WHEREAS supporting and investing in strong, autonomous women’s rights organizations and feminist movements is key to ending violence against women and girls.

THEREFORE I, Mayor Nancy Dicks, do hereby proclaim November 25, 2022 as International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks