

# Proclamation



**The Town of Grand Valley does hereby proclaim**

## **NOVEMBER 25th as The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**

**WHEREAS** November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month and November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and

**WHEREAS** violence is the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals. Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

**WHEREAS** Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 49 femicides in Ontario since November 26th, 2023; and

**WHEREAS** last year in Ontario, on average every 6 days a woman or child lost their lives due to men's violence; and

**WHEREAS** Indigenous, Black, South Asian and Southeast Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence, including femicide, on the 2022-2023 Ontario Femicide List

**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** there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario by all three levels of Government; and

NOW THEREFORE, I Mayor Soloman proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2024, 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 and becoming part of Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

  
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Mayor Steve Soloman