PROCLAMATION

November 25, 2026 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month, and November 25 is recognized around the world as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and

WHEREAS gender-based violence is a serious barrier to equality and safety for women, girls and gender-diverse people; and

WHEREAS femicide continues to claim lives in Ontario; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and Southeast Asian women and girls, as well as members of 2SLGBTQI+ communities, experience disproportionately high rates of violence, including femicide; and

WHEREAS our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS greater investment and action are urgently needed from all three levels of government to prevent gender-based violence and support survivors in our community and across Ontario; and

WHEREAS a Wrapped in Courage campaign flag will be raised in Wainfleet to raise awareness of gender-based violence and the community action needed to prevent it and support survivors;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Brian Grant, Mayor of Wainfleet, do hereby proclaim November 25, 2026, as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in Wainfleet and urge all residents to mark this day by supporting survivors and taking part in efforts across Ontario to end gender-based violence.

Mayor Brian Grant