



# PROCLAMATION



- Whereas,* *The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence is an annual international campaign that begins on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, until December 10, Human Rights Day. The campaign started in 1991 to call out and speak up on gender-based violence, and to renew our commitment to ending violence against women, girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ individuals.*
- Whereas,* *The Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon has served the local community for the past 50 years, with the mission of making a better world for women and girls and continues to provide service.*
- Whereas,* *on June 22, 2023, the Region of Peel Council unanimously passed a motion to declare Gender-based Violence an epidemic in Peel Region.*
- Whereas,* *in Peel Region, 7 femicides took place in 2023, 13,933 survivors accessed community support services and Peel's emergency shelter system operated above 270% Occupancy and is currently at 400% overcapacity in 2024.*
- Whereas,* *the Town of Caledon continues to support organizations to raise awareness about violence against women not just in Peel, but across the country.*
- Therefore,* *I, Annette Groves, Mayor of the Town of Caledon, hereby do proclaim*

*November 25 - December 10, 2024*

*as*

*“16 Days to End Gender-Based Violence”*

*in the Town of Caledon and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.*

*Annette Groves*

*Mayor Annette Groves, Town of Caledon*