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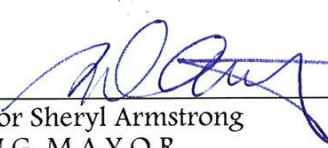
**UNITE TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
November 25 – December 10, 2017**

- WHEREAS: the United Nations has again called for an international campaign – 16 days of activism against gender-based violence – running from November 25, 2017 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to December 10, 2017 (Human Right Day); and
- WHEREAS: violence against women is pervasive around the world, including Canada; and
- WHEREAS: violence against women takes many forms including physical, emotional, and sexual violence; deprivation; bullying; discrimination and harassment; neglect of older women; child marriages, female genital mutilation; sexual violence against women in conflict zones; and
- WHEREAS: in Canada, violence against women is disproportionately experienced by Indigenous women; and
- WHEREAS: by creating worldwide awareness and calling on governments to match adequate and sustained resources to their political commitments: we will find solutions to end gender-based violence.

NOW THEREFORE I, Councillor Sheryl Armstrong, Acting Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim that November 25 – December 10, 2017, be known as:

UNITE TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

in the City of Nanaimo, and the traditional territories of the Snyneymuxw First Nation and urge all residents of Nanaimo to participate in the United Nations campaign “Orange The World” to symbolize a brighter future.


Councillor Sheryl Armstrong
ACTING MAYOR

DATED THIS 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2017.

