

## **PROCLAMATION**


### **UNITE TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN November 25 ~ December 10, 2020**

- WHEREAS: the United Nations has again called for an international campaign for 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence from November 25, 2020 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to December 10, 2020 (Human Rights 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: across every sphere, from health to the economy to social protection, the impacts of COVID-19 are exacerbated for women and girls simply by virtue of their sex; 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, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim November 25 ~ December 10, 2020 as:

### **UNITE TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

in the City of Nanaimo, British Columbia.

  
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Leonard Krog  
MAYOR

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020

