Proclamation

“Woman Abuse Prevention Month”
NOVEMBER 2026

WHEREAS November is recognized across Ontario as Woman Abuse Prevention Month, and November 25th marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and

WHEREAS gender-based violence is a serious violation of human rights and gender equality, particularly affecting women, girls and gender-diverse individuals, and

WHEREAS femicide and all forms of gender-based violence have devastating consequences for survivors, their families, and our communities, and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and Southeast Asian, and other marginalized women and girls continue to experience disproportionate rates of violence, including femicide, and

WHEREAS every individual deserves to live in a safe environment, free from violence, fear, intimidation, and discrimination, regardless of their gender or gender identity, and

WHEREAS community organizations, including REFLEXION Wellness Services / Habitat Interlude, play an essential role in preventing gender-based violence, raising public awareness, and providing support and assistance to survivors, and

WHEREAS the provincial Wrapped in Courage campaign encourages communities across Ontario to stand in solidarity with survivors and actively commit to ending gender-based violence, and

WHEREAS the courage of a woman alone is not enough to end violence, and that solidarity, community involvement, and collective commitment are necessary to create lasting change, and

WHEREAS the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, beginning on November 25th, provide an opportunity to raise awareness, encourage prevention, and promote meaningful action to end violence, and

WHEREAS all levels of government, community organizations and citizens must work together and invest in sustainable solutions to prevent and eliminate gender-based violence, and

WHEREAS raising the purple Wrapped in Courage campaign flag during the month of November symbolizes our solidarity with survivors and our collective commitment to ending gender-based violence, and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Roger Sigouin, hereby proclaim November 2026 as **“Woman Abuse Prevention Month”** in the Town of Hearst.

I invite the entire community to recognize this month of awareness, support survivors, and participate in efforts across Ontario to prevent and eliminate gender-based violence.

Together, let us reaffirm our commitment to building a community where every individual can live in safety, equality, respect, and dignity.

Proclaimed in Hearst, this 5th day of November, 2026.

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