

BRIAN SMITH

MAYOR

Proclamation

**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE
ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN**

NOVEMBER 25, 2022

WHEREAS violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals; and

WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month; and

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

WHEREAS gender-based violence is a human right issue which our community must work together to address, prevent and address through public awareness and education; and

WHEREAS 1 in 3 women will experience gender-based violence in their lifetime and these numbers increase exponentially for Black, Indigenous and Women of Colour; and

WHEREAS last year in Ontario, on average every 8 days a woman or child was killed by a man known to them and one of those women lived in the Southern Georgian Bay area; and

WHEREAS this month we acknowledge our community's support of My Friend's House Courage Campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Brian Smith, and on behalf of the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, do hereby proclaim November 25, 2022 as "**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN DAY**" in the Town of Wasaga Beach in recognition that the courage of a woman alone is not enough, it takes an entire community to end gender-based violence.




Brian Smith, Mayor